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IT STOCKS CRASH AFTER AI TOOL THAT AUTOMATES CORE WORK UNVEILED

Sentiment turned sharply negative on Wednesday after a US start-up unveiled a new plug-in for its AI tool that could disrupt traditional IT businesses

TRADITIONAL SOFTWARE BIZ FACES DISRUPTION

US-based AI company Anthropic unveiled its new AI tool, Cowork, last month. What sent the IT stocks into a tailspin on Wednesday was a new plugin for this tool that automates tasks across legal, sales, marketing, and data analysis. This could cut the need for custom-built software and human expertise, reducing dependence on traditional IT companies | **P15**

INFOSYS FALLS THE MOST AMONG LARGE COS

- Shares of Infosys plunged 7.19%, that of Tata Consultancy Services 6.95%, HCL Technologies 4.22% and LTIMindtree 5.51% on the BSE
- In the US market, the Nasdaq Composite index tanked 1.43% on Tuesday and was down 1.25% in early trading on Wednesday. Shares of major firms like Nvidia Corp and Alphabet Inc registered declines

50%

ENTRY-LEVEL WHITE-COLLAR JOBS COULD BE DISRUPTED IN 1–5 YRS: ANTHROPIC

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OPPN WALKS OUT

Assembly resolution condemns VB-G RAM G

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THE Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the VB-G RAM-G scheme and reinstate MGNREGA, amid Opposition BJP and JDS MLAs staging a walkout. On Tuesday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had tabled the resolution against VB-G RAM-G, terming it detrimental to the federal system.

The House debated the issue for 6hours 51minutes. On Wednesday, amid opposition for the resolution and a dharna demanding the resignation of Excise Minister RB Timmapur in the alleged excise scam, RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge spoke elaborately on the resolution.

He alleged the VB-G RAM-G is part of the Centre's tax terrorism conspiracy against the State, as it has reduced the Centre-state funding ratio to 60:40 from 90:10 in MGNREGA.

He listed out instances of Central ministers, including Nitin Gadkari, lauding MGNREGA in the past, and the UN appreciating it as an outstanding employment guarantee programmes for rural masses.

"Just six months ago, at the International Year of Cooperative event on August 26, the Centre appreciated MGNREGA as it contributed to women's empowerment," he stated. He mentioned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's concern over the funding ratio, and seeking "alternative financial support" from the Centre. **P4**

INDIGO UNDER LENS OF COMPETITION COMMISSION

The Competition Commission ordered a detailed probe against IndiGo for unfair business practices, nearly two months after the airline cancelled thousands of flights, causing hardships to passengers | **P15**

Lok Sabha impasse forces cancellation of Modi's address

Cong insisted on Rahul Gandhi completing his speech, suspension of BJP MP Dubey

Opposition MPs attempt to *gherao* the Treasury benches in the Lok Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled reply to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address could not take place on Wednesday, as the Opposition stepped up its attack on the government for blocking Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's speech and suspension of eight MPs.

As soon as the House convened at 5 pm after three adjournments, women MPs from the Opposition marched towards the Treasury benches holding banners which read "Do what is right." Modi was not present in the House when the Opposition members made their way to the Treasury benches protesting against the suspension of MPs and former Army Chief M M Naravane's unpublished memoir. BJP MP Sandhya Rai, who was in the chair, adjourned the proceedings for the day in a few minutes.

In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi said, "PM Modi won't come to Parliament because he is scared and doesn't want to face the truth." Later, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge called a meeting of the floor leaders in both Houses. It was decided that floor leaders of all Opposition parties will meet on Thursday morning to chalk out strategy ahead.

"How can the PM speak when the LOP was not allowed to speak? What was the PM going to reply to?" said Congress MP Jairam Ramesh.

Though Speaker Om Birla convened a meeting of the Opposition leaders at 4 pm ahead of the PM's scheduled speech, it failed to break the logjam. The Opposition put forward two demands — the suspension of BJP's Nishikant Dubey and to allow Rahul to speak in the House. The meeting was attended by Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi and K C Venugopal among others. The leaders conveyed to the Speaker that if the government does not yield, the Opposition will disrupt the PM's speech.

Earlier, a row erupted when Dubey began his speech by referring to books such as *Edwina and Nehru* and *Mitrokhin Archive* among others and made remarks targeting former prime ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.

Modi gave the message (to the then Army Chief MM Naravane), do what you think is right (on LAC). Meaning he shed responsibility

Rahul Gandhi, LS Leader of Opposition

Fire-fighting by Speaker

Speaker Om Birla convened a meeting of the Opposition at 4 pm ahead of the PM's scheduled speech, but it failed to break the logjam

Rule 349

As Dubey kept listing books about the Gandhi family, the chair disallowed it citing Rule 349, which bars reading from any book except in connection with the business of the House

EXPRESS READ

12 get 5-year RI for stripping ST woman

Belagavi: A Belagavi court on Wednesday sentenced 12 persons, including six women, to five years rigorous imprisonment for the brutal assault, public stripping and attempted murder of a 42-year-old Scheduled Tribe woman at Hosavantamuri village in December 11, 2023 | **P6**

Post-harvest model to boost farmers' income

Bengaluru: The state government is introducing a first-of-its-kind post-harvest and value-addition model aimed at improving farmer incomes. Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said this will enable farmers to earn four to five times higher income and reduce dependence on middlemen | **P6**

Top JeM commander among 3 killed in J-K

Jammu: Three Pakistani terrorists, including a top commander of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), were killed inside a cave in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. Several powerful blasts rocked the area when the forces stormed the cave during a 20-hour-long operation | **P12**

Mamata argues in SC, questions SIR

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday witnessed dramatic scenes as West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee appeared in person to make submissions in a case challenging the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal.

Banerjee, who holds a law degree and had briefly practised as a lawyer, alleged her state was being targeted and people were being bulldozed.

"We are not getting justice," she told a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi.

Banerjee, who was represented by senior advocates Shyam Divan and Kapil Sibal, sought five minutes to personally advance submissions. The CJI granted her 15 minutes.

"They (EC) are targeting Bengal. We have given everything to ECI... all kinds of documents, but got no justice. I am a very less important person. But please protect people's rights," Banerjee told the bench with folded hands.

She alleged that the names of women who take their husbands' surnames after marriage or shift to their in-laws' houses are deleted, citing mismatches.

The bench took note of Banerjee's submission and said genuine persons must remain on electoral rolls.

Referring to the EC as a 'WhatsApp Commission' that passes instructions through the instant messaging app, Banerjee alleged that "the SIR process is only for deletion, not inclusion".

Questioning the rationale for conducting SIR in her state, she asked how can a process that usually takes two years be done in three months.

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Opposing the submissions of Banerjee, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the EC, said the West Bengal government was not cooperative. "We wrote to the state government so many times to give grade-two officers to be appointed as EROs (electoral registration officers). Only 80 officers were given."

During the hearing, Banerjee's counsel Divan sought a direction from the court to the ECI to upload the reasons for each voter discrepancy, so that people know why they are not on the list.

The SC bench issued notices and sought replies to the petition by February 9 from the EC and chief electoral officer of West Bengal.

RAHUL'S 'TRAITOR' JIBE AT BITTU SPARKS POLITICAL FIRESTORM

PREETHA NAIR & HARPREET BAJWA @ New Delhi / Chandigarh

A sharp war of words between Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Union minister Ravneet Singh Bittu snowballed into a political storm on Wednesday with the BJP urging Lok Sabha Speaker to take action against Rahul.

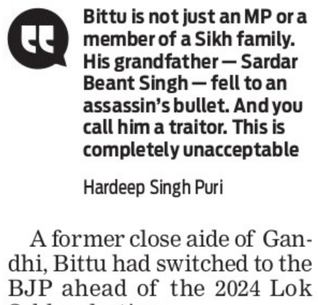
The face-off took place outside Parliament's Makar Dwar, where Rahul was standing with the suspended opposition MPs, who were protesting on the stairs.

While walking past the protesting MPs, Bittu said, "They are sitting here as if they have won a war."

Responding to the comment, Rahul said, "The thing is, here is a traitor walking right by. Take a look at the face. How he looks."

Rahul then extended his hand towards Bittu and said, "Hello brother, my traitor friend. Don't worry, you will come back to the Congress."

Bittu refused to shake hands, saying: "*Desh ke dushman* (enemies of the country)," pointing at Rahul.



Rahul Gandhi exchanges words with MoS Ravneet Singh Bittu (R) | PTI

Bittu is not just an MP or a member of a Sikh family. His grandfather — Sardar Beant Singh — fell to an assassin's bullet. And you call him a traitor. This is completely unacceptable

Hardeep Singh Puri

A former close aide of Gandhi, Bittu had switched to the BJP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Later in a video statement, Bittu asked why Rahul didn't say such a thing to other MPs, but only to a Sikh?

"I am the grandson of a martyr (ex-Punjab CM Beant Singh, who was assassinated by militants in 1995) and as long as I was in the Congress, it was fine. But, now that I am with the BJP, he is giving me such names," he said.

Stepping up the attack, the BJP fielded its Sikh leaders, including Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Delhi minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, to accuse the Congress of harbouring the same "anti-Sikh mentality" that was on display at the height of the anti-Sikh riots of 1984.

Defending Rahul, Congress MP Sukhpla Singh Khaira said the word "my traitor friend" used by Rahul was to address Bittu as an individual who ditched the party in testing times. "It is by no means an insult to the Sikh community."

The 'traitor jibe' evoked sharp reactions in Punjab, which will go to polls next year. Ashwani Sharma, working president of the BJP in Punjab, said Rahul is trying to cover up his failures by using abusive language.

Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said Bittu was a traitor as he betrayed the Congress. **P12**

Man forges Guv signature, issues official letters

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A conman, posing as an officer from the Prime Minister's Office and the adopted son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has been issuing appointment letters by forging the signature of the Karnataka Governor.

In a complaint, G Pradeep, Under Secretary to Governor (Admin and Accounts), stated that the accused, Sujayendra HN, forged the Governor's signature and issued an official letter to the vice-chancellor of a university on June 18, 2025, purporting it to be from the Governor's Office.

A case was registered by the Vidhana Soudha police on January 5, 2026, and was transferred to the Vijayanagar police station on January 21 since the accused resides there. A case of forgery has been registered against the accused.

Sujayendra alias Sujay, a resident of RPC Layout, was arrested in November last year for collecting Rs 2.7 crore from a doctor in J&K to establish an Ayurvedic hospital in Devanahalli. There are also cheque bounce cases against him.

NEW BEGINNING

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla felicitates new Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh after his swearing-in ceremony, in Imphal, on Wednesday; (inset) deputy chief ministers L Dikho (top) and Nemcha Kipgen | PTI | **P12**

Drug cases in K'taka jump 63% in just a year

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

KARNATAKA has recorded a sharp rise in cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, with official data available with *TNIE* showing a steep 63% increase in just one year.

According to data from the Karnataka State Police, while 4,187 NDPS cases were registered across the state in 2024, the number surged to 6,825 in 2025, underscoring the growing scale of the drug menace in the state.

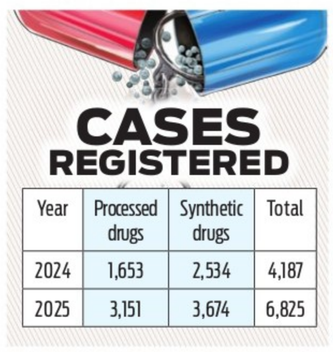
The increase in the number of cases has raised serious concerns among law enforcement agencies, policymakers and public health experts, who warned that the trend reflected both expanding drug networks and rising substance abuse, particularly among youngsters.

Officials said the high number of cases pointed to a combination of intensified police action and the wider availability of narcotic and psychotropic substances.

Senior police officers attributed part of the rise to focused enforcement drives launched across the state.

Special teams have been formed to crack down on peddlers, especially in the Mysuru and Bengaluru city police commissionerate, after seizures of drugs worth crores of rupees in recent months. In Mysuru, a police team from Mumbai raided a drug manufacturing unit on the city outskirts, while last month, an NCB team confirmed functioning of a clandestine drug manufacturing lab in the city.

Following these cases, police have heightened surveillance near educational institutions, IT corridors, transport hubs and urban hotspots, including industrials sheds. **P7**



CASES REGISTERED

Year	Processed drugs	Synthetic drugs	Total
2024	1,653	2,534	4,187
2025	3,151	3,674	6,825

U.P. SHOCKER

Lens on Korean online games as 3 minor sisters die by suicide

NITIN RAWAT & NAMITA BAJPAI
@ Ghaziabad/Lucknow

IN a shocking incident, three sisters, aged 12, 14 and 16, allegedly addicted to a Korean task-based online game, died by suicide in Ghaziabad in the wee hours of Wednesday.

All three jumped from a balcony of their ninth-floor apartment around 2 am.

The trio lived with their father Chetan Kumar, a forex trader. While the eldest was born to Kumar's first wife, the younger two were born to his second wife, who also lived with the family. At the time of the incident, Kumar and his wife were sleeping with their son. The girls were resting in another room. According to the family, they heard a noise and rushed to the girls' room.

"We saw the room was locked. We broke open the door and found the girls were not there. We ran downstairs and saw them lying on the ground," a family member said.

"Papa, sorry. We cannot leave Korea. Korea is our life, Korea is our soul, and you cannot separate us from it," their suicide note read. Police said the three were addicted to an online Korean game called 'Love Game' and had not been attending school for the past 2-3 years.

"Because of this, when their family members restricted their mobile usage, they took the extreme step," a senior police officer said.

(Assistance for those having suicidal thoughts is available on Tele Manas-14416 and Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline-02225521111)

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Ritu: Sishir • Masa: Magha • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Chathurthi 1.50 am
Nakshatra: Uttharaphalguni 12.38 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 12°C | MAX 29 °C
FORECAST Sunny
Sunrise 06.43 am
Sunset 06.06 pm
Moonrise 09.29 pm
Moonset 09.03 am

No rehabilitation possible at Kogilu Layout: Govt to HC

Court seeks report on temporary rehabilitation provided to residents

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RECORDING the submission of the state government that no rehabilitation can be permitted at Kogilu Layout, given that toxic effluent is stored in the land, the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday said that the court is *prima facie* persuaded to accept that in-situ rehabilitation in the given facts may not be feasible.

Appointing lawyer Vidyulatha BV as *amicus curiae* to assist the court in the matter, a division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Poonacha sought a report from the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority on temporary rehabilitation provided to the residents of Kogilu Layout, whose houses were demolished by the GBA, to verify the same as the petitioner's counsel alleged that the rehabilitation centres

were found locked when the residents visited and there are 800 affected persons.

The court passed the order after hearing the public interest litigation filed by Zaiba Tabassum, Rehana and Areefa Begaum, who were among the residents evicted from Fakir and Wasim Colonies.

On the last date of hearing, the state government informed the high court that around 15 residents of demolished houses in Kogilu Layout have come to the Rehabilitation Centre, utilised the amenities, had food and again left the Rehabilitation Centre back to the encroached sites. Evicted people have put up temporary sheds and are continuing to reside on the government land. Meanwhile, the state government reiterated that the 2013 satellite images show that no one was residing in Fakir and Wasim Colonies.

Disputing the state's claim that only 167 families were affected due to the demolition, the counsel for the petitioners contended that over 800 people were affected and that they are required to be rehabilitated. The rehabilitation centres established by the state were found locked when they visited. The displaced people lacked food and shelter, which is a violation of fundamental rights, the counsel argued.

Meanwhile, the Advocate General K Shashikiran Shetty filed the affidavit detailing the facilities, including food and accommodation, provided to the affected residents.

Traffic hit as 100-metre stretch of B'luru-Hosur Road caves in near Attibele

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TRAFFIC movement on National Highway-44 (Bengaluru-Hosur Road) was disrupted on Wednesday after a 100-metre stretch near Attibele caved in owing to partial soil collapse on the main carriageway at a vehicular overpass (VOP) construction site, with authorities attributing the cause of the incident to constant heavy vehicular movement on the busy stretch.

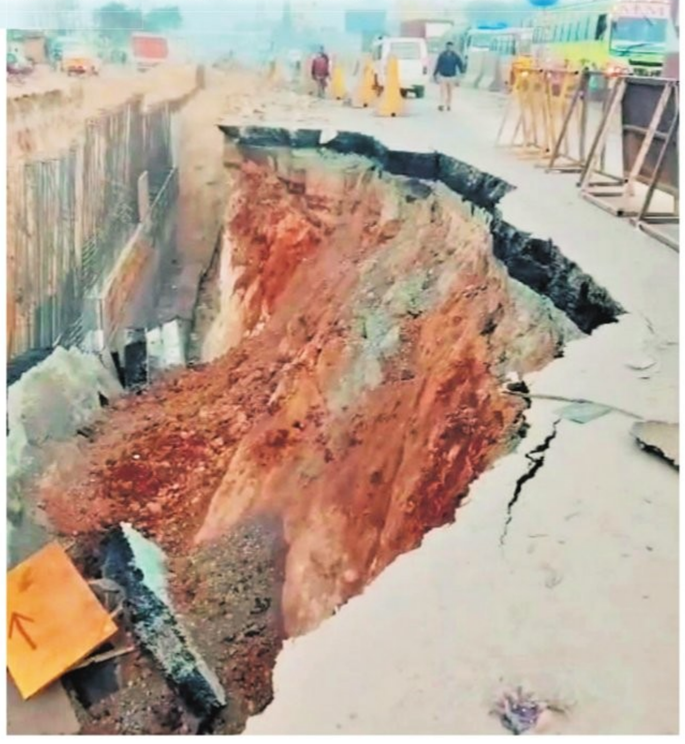
The work, being carried out as part of accident-mitigation measures, identified four black spots. This VOP work began in April 2025 and involves deep excavation of over 10 metres, along with the construction of retaining walls. NHAI officials said backfilling and soil compaction were underway when the collapse occurred.

"The traffic intensity on NH 44 is extremely high, with heavy vehicles moving round the clock. Continuous vibrations have loosened the soil, leading to the collapse," said Archana Dharma Kumar, General Manager (Technical) and Project Director, Bengaluru Expressway Project Implementation Unit.

She said there were no casualties. The affected stretch is only one of the three lanes of the main carriageway. Traffic continues to move through the remaining lanes and the adjacent service road.

"We are looking at about 15 days to complete the diversion works, considering the volume of traffic and constraints of working in a developed area," she said, adding that progress of the VOP was slower due to uninterrupted traffic movement.

Police officials confirmed that the incident occurred between 6 am and 7 am and traffic movement was slow for around two hours. Normalcy on the NH-44 was restored after vehicles were diverted to the adjacent service road.



The stretch on the main carriageway on National Highway-44 caved in at an overpass construction site due to heavy vehicular movement

194 disused spaces to be put to community use

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA), in collaboration with Sensing Local and the Institute of Urban Designers India - Karnataka Chapter, has launched a unique city-level initiative called 'Revitalisation of Public Spaces in Bengaluru City' under the project 'Open as Desire' and has identified 194 sites or public places that have been underutilised or unused for ages for various reasons.

To better utilise such places, a two-day expo under the title 'Citizen Open House' is being held on Friday and Saturday to attract investment under CSR. "The objective is to reimagine road and street infrastructure of Bengaluru not just as vehicular traffic routes, but as inclusive, people-centric public spaces that meet the needs of diverse communities. As part of this initiative, a public call was issued to citizens to identify underutilised or unused public spaces in their neighbourhoods. This received a good response from across the city, with residents' welfare associations, urban planners, architects and academic institutions identifying over 250 sites. After initial screening, 194 sites were identified as actionable sites and included in the city-level public repository, and a series of projects have been formulated for phased implementation through the five municipal corporations," said a release.

As per the survey, detailed site surveys are being undertaken to assess local conditions and determine appropriate interventions. So far, 25 places have been approved for funding under the National Clean Air Programme.

DISTRIBUTION OF IDENTIFIED SITES

Bengaluru Central	43
Bengaluru North	49
Bengaluru East	21
Bengaluru West	31
Bengaluru South	50

S Shivakumar, Chairman of Harsha Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, was conferred honorary Doctor of Literature (D.Litt) (Honoris Causa) by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot during the 21th annual convocation of Karnataka State Open University in Mysuru recently

ALL SET TO GO LIVE

CITY MARKET BASEMENT PARKING GETS HIGH-TECH MAKEOVER

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE once foul-smelling basement parking at City Market -- notorious for hoodlums, abandoned vehicles and garbage dumping -- has undergone a complete transformation. Spread across nearly one lakh sqft, the basement has been redesigned into a modern parking facility, with a fully high-tech parking system, expected to be opened by the third week of February.

The project has been executed by Right Parking (Prince Royal Parking), which has bagged a Rs 6.5-crore tender for a 10-year period. According to its proprietor, Kumar H N, this is the first time that such advanced parking infrastructure is being introduced in a large flower market, considered among the biggest in Asia.

"For the first time, AI-enabled cameras and designated parking bays are being introduced here. Over 50 staff have worked continuously for the past four months to clear clutter, remove abandoned vehicles and clean accumulated sludge," Kumar said.

The facility can accommodate 400 two-wheelers and 200 cars, including SUVs, at any given time. Entry and exit will be monitored through 67 AI cameras installed across the basement. In addition, over 600 lights have been installed to improve visibility and safety.

Special attention has been paid to women's safety, with 12 emergency alarm systems installed across the parking area. "At the press of a button, security guards -- mostly ex-servicemen -- will rush to the spot. The alarms are also directly linked to the City Market police station located within the complex," Kumar added.

The parking facility has two entry points, from Avenue Road and Chickpet, while the exit is restricted to Chickpet. Digital payment for parking is being encouraged. The basement will also house a café and clean toilet facilities for customers.

Workers deck up the basement parking at City Market complex on Wednesday ahead of its opening. The spruced up facility | VINOD KUMAR T

Flooding a major challenge

One of the biggest challenges was addressing flooding during the monsoon. Apart from cleaning four existing sumps with a combined storage capacity of 60,000 litres, seven additional sumps with a capacity of 40,000 litres have been constructed.

Stormwater will be diverted to these sumps through a culvert and later pumped out to the drain outside the market. "The sumps had never been cleaned earlier and were filled to the brim with sludge. The basement was also being misused as a urinal," Kumar said, adding that all unauthorised entries were sealed once the agency took over. Fire safety measures were given top priority, he stressed.

Parking capacity
400 two-wheelers • 200 cars

PARKING RATES (PER HOUR)
₹10: Two-wheelers • ₹20: Cars

Features
1. 67 AI cameras for monitoring
2. 12 emergency alarms for women's safety
3. Café and toilet facilities
4. Over 600 lights for visibility and safety
5. Murals and statues of Krishnaraja Wodeyar, Kempe Gowda, and elephants planned at the entrance for aesthetics

Workers had earlier complained of severe foul smell and mosquito menace. As a result, fumigation and thorough cleaning were undertaken before civil works began. Though hoodlums and illegal parking operators initially attempted to disrupt the project, the situation was brought under control.

The project is being personally monitored by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar under the Brand Bengaluru initiative. Inspections by Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao and Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan helped ensure coordination and timely execution of the project.

Metro fares likely to go up again

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EVEN as daily Metro commuters are still recovering from the previous fare hike of up to 71% implemented on February 9, 2025, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) is likely to effect another fare hike of up to 5%, as recommended by the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) in its report.

According to a BMRCL official, clarity on the proposed revision will be communicated once a decision is taken on the fare increase and its extent. The official noted that the 2025 fare revision was implemented after BMRCL accepted the FFC's recommendations in full, making it legally binding under Section 33 of the Metro Railways (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2002. The same framework allows for annual fare revisions until a new FFC is constituted.

Until then, the automatic annual fare formula must be implemented, the official added. The FFC report stipulated that the annual fare increase should be calculated using the prescribed formula or capped at 5% per annum, whichever is lower, for each fare slab, with fares rounded off to the nearest rupee.

At present, the minimum fare for journeys up to two km is Rs 10, while trips beyond 25 km attract the maximum fare of Rs 90. Bengaluru already has the costliest Metro fares in the country, and a further hike would make commuting more expensive.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

05th February : Heeding Traffic Signs Mercury square Uranus is a pop-up cosmic traffic sign to slow down: There are new situations on the road to watch out for, and everyone stays safe when we pay attention. Notice more in each interaction. Besides helping us avoid mistakes, quality attention is the difference between a day passing and a day remembered.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your internal compass will not falter. Even when signals seem faint or confusing, your instincts map the path. Trust the process of testing, refining and acting. Every step will confirm what you already intuitively know.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Maybe you don't think of curiosity as part of your beauty routine or your confidence arsenal, but it is definitely a huge reason you are so charismatic. Your curiosity is magnetic. Your attentiveness simply radiates and draws experiences to you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Ideas tend to come to you in their own time. Today, peace will be the same way. It will blow in like a breeze and alight on your world. The environment clears to make room for more oxygen.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
All delays, detours and false starts will be advantageous to the journey, so don't bother being frustrated. The timing is perfect even when it seems like it's not. Release expectation and accept what comes.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
There were times you felt fragile, but that was not really the truth. What's true is that you are overqualified for the life you are currently running, and your body, mind and imagination don't want you to pretend otherwise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You're the ballast. The ballast keeps everyone from tipping into the ocean. The boat can't go anywhere without it. It's an honor, even though some days you'd rather be the sail -- big, proud and seen. This day is coming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Complexity doesn't overwhelm you because you know the secret -- it's just layers, and you can only be on one plane at a time. First you're handling this, then you're investigating that, and before you know it a pattern is learned, a contradiction anticipated, a nuance understood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
For most creatures in the world, behavior is a direct reaction to stimuli. Humans are exceptional: We can deliberately separate thought from action, imagine futures, and plan across time and abstract domains. Today, you use this feature to its fullest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Sometimes you feel like a gas station. If they pull into your world and fuel themselves for the rest of the journey, remember: Your value isn't measured by how long others stay, but by the energy you generate and where (SET ITAL) you (END ITAL) are headed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Anyone who makes it seem like contributing to your joy is burdensome or that your happiness must be justified or rationed is just plain wrong. Let your delight come guilt free. Want and want more, like there's no such thing as "too much."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
We all like being accepted "as-is," but today has a way of challenging the idea, perhaps by disrupting the status quo so you can discover a new version of you. Challenge could even become an exciting, addicting rhythm -- a lifestyle!

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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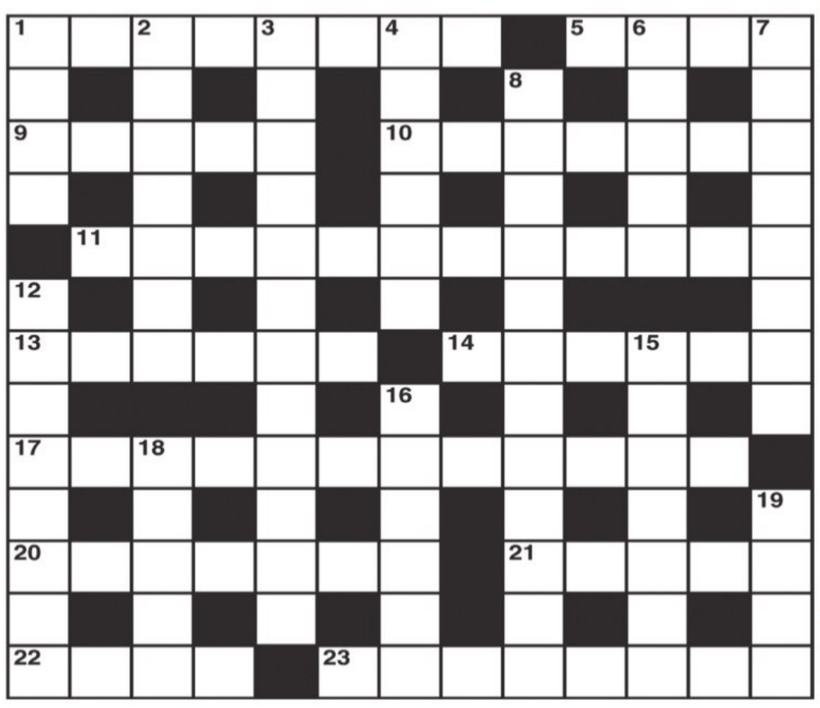

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Arranging a grant - or too proud? (8)
5 Container for a suit (4)
9 An attachment to boot (5)
10 Rushing madly in great confusion (7)
11 A great parson; unorthodox but acceptable (7,5)
13 Sort of pastry consumed to spoil the appetite (3,3)
14 Squirm and turn whiter (6)
17 Maybe a paper is torn making them (12)
20 Beg for something nice to follow in French (7)
21 She's precise about one point (5)
22 Toy that gives you endless repetition (2-2)
23 Worship of images adroitly modified (8)

DOWN
1 Beaten by a single stroke (4)
2 Monastery bugle call? (7)
3 Lower gas fast making a drink (5,2,5)
4 Observing it's a dumbbell? (6)
6 Tina set up with a new name (5)
7 Deeply impressed with a tomb in final setting (8)
8 A single grand commotion could be a warning (6,6)
12 A stroke of the worst misfortune? (8)
15 An outside line to ring (7)
16 Left divided (6)
18 Way in for all competitors (5)
19 Fed up youth begins to resist (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Meditated, 8 Ether, 9 Tartare, 10 Signed, 11 Sent up, 12 Analysis, 15 Gradient, 18 Eleven, 20 De trop, 21 Camping, 22 Opera, 23 Realistic.

Down: 2 Elate, 3 In toto, 4 Airspace, 5 Denial, 6 Chinese, 7 Tradesman, 11 Stage door, 13 After all, 14 Earthed, 16 Isobar, 17 Tempts, 19 Ennui.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

SIJTO

SLOAS

CETSHK

AMFSOU

This is what my scarf is made from.
That is so wild!
I can't believe we are able to see this all right here.
12 11
THE CATERPILLAR WENT THROUGH METAMORPHOSIS, AND EVERYTHING HAD GONE ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLAZE TWEAK METHOD DEGREE
Answer: The firewood that was too wet to burn was — WATERLOGGED

CJ Roy suicide: SIT can question I-T officers, record statements

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the suicide of Confident Group chairman **CJ Roy** at his office on Langford Road on January 30, the state government constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) the next day.

Considering the allegations made by Roy's family that harassment by Income Tax (IT) officers is the reason for the suicide, questions are being raised whether the SIT can unearth the truth, as documents related to case files of alleged tax evasion would be in the custody of the central agency.

According to experts, the SIT can question IT officers only to record their statements. It is the prerogative of IT officers to share all case details with the SIT. "IT officers were interviewing Roy as they wanted to know about something they had found through months of information gathering. Roy was not being interrogated. In this case, it is unlikely that IT officers can be held responsible for Roy's suicide. Since a team of four IT officers was in the building at the time of the suicide, they will definitely give their statements to clear their names. They would have also shared the purpose of their visit to Roy's office on the fateful day. If they are forced to share documents, IT officers might approach court, accusing SIT officers of unduly harassing them. There are all chances that Roy, out of fear of getting caught, must have taken the extreme step," a retired IPS officer said.

Senior advocate S Shyamsundar said the SIT is duty bound to question IT officials since the incident took place when IT officials were present in the building. "IT officials can either deny or agree to share documents pertaining to the raid by telling the SIT to look into just the crime part of the investigation," the advocate added.

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— Officer

HOPE AGAINST CANCER

Students take part in Unity in Uniqueness rally, organised by the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, to mark World Cancer Day on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Tele-MANAS integrates with city's Namma 112

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TELE MANAS, an initiative of the Government of India operating from NIMHANS, has been integrated with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) number Namma 112 of the Bengaluru City Police.

The integration is in continuation to previous integration with other stakeholders (OLA and UBER) in 2025. This year, the city police are intending to integrate with other private and government helplines and make 112 as a one-stop emergency response.

"Through this collaboration, seamless transfer of calls between Namma 112 and Tele MANAS has been enabled, marking a significant step towards strengthening mental health services during crisis situations in the city. Timely assistance will be provided to individuals experiencing mental health distress. Psychiatric emergencies, including suicide risk, can be managed promptly in coordination with Namma 112, while mental health-related calls received by Namma-112 will be transferred to Tele MANAS (14416) for specialised management," stated a press note from the office of the city police commissioner.

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC unions to hold Bengaluru Chalo on Feb 19

Bengaluru: The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation unions will organise a Chalo' protest demanding payment of pending wage arrears, on February 19. The protest was earlier scheduled for January 29, but was postponed following the sudden demise of veteran trade union leader and KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation president K Ananthasubba Rao. Union leaders said continuing the struggle for employees' rights would be the true tribute to the late leader. A peaceful protest meeting will be held at Freedom Park in Bengaluru from 10 am to 4 pm on February 19. **ENS**

XPRESS FOCUS

From modest beginnings to powering India: Rajesh Shetty & the rise of Shankar Electricals Services (I) Pvt Ltd

In 1998, Rajesh Shetty earned ₹725 a month. It was not an arbitrary figure. The amount was fixed by the government for diploma holders undergoing apprenticeship in public sector enterprises. For Shetty, freshly out of a diploma in electrical engineering, it was his first steady income and his first lesson in responsibility.

He joined ITI Limited at Electronics City as a technical maintenance trainee. At the time, ITI was a cornerstone of India's telecommunications ecosystem. Inside the ITI campus, Shetty was entrusted with the maintenance of generators, UPS systems, transformers, and the entire electrical infrastructure. Seniors guided him, but the work was real and unforgiving.

"For me, ₹725 was a big thing then," he recalls. "Every month, I earned it by taking care of systems that could not fail."

Those early years shaped him. He soon realised that electrical engineering was not just about books and classrooms. It was about what happened on the ground every day - keeping a close watch on systems, understanding how demand changed, ensuring smooth supply, and acting in time to prevent problems. In those days, Karnataka depended largely on hydropower; today, solar energy leads the way. His capacity to adjust to changing times took root early in his career.

Shetty's grounding at work was reinforced at home. His father, originally a farmer, migrated to Bengaluru in 1975 and worked long hours at Hotel Woodlands. From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., often in two shifts, his presence at home was rare. The household ran on discipline and quiet endurance, largely managed by Shetty's mother. Like many middle-class families, survival was collective.

After ITI, Shetty worked in private firms as a multi-skilled technician. One such company was Mascot, which had an office on MG Road. In 1998, Mascot planned a rapid expansion and needed someone to manage a new maintenance facility. A senior executive saw potential in Shetty and suggested something unexpected: that he set up his own company to service the requirement.

Shetty had no company, no capital, and no plan to become an entrepreneur. When asked to return with a letterhead identifying himself as the owner, he improvised. A friend's father ran a small business on JC Road called Shankar Motors and Windings. Shetty borrowed the letterhead, modified the name to "Shankar Electricals," and returned. Mascot issued a work order.

That moment marked the birth of Shankar Electricals Services (India) Private Limited - SESIPL.

He started with five people. Today, SESIPL serves most major Fortune 500 companies in India, with key clients including Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Mercedes-Benz, SAP Labs, TCS, Walmart, etc. The company executes complete electrical infrastructure projects from design and build through to completion, including turnkey solutions, with over 100 million sq. ft. delivered in the last two decades.

A key strength of SESIPL is its post-project support, offering complete facility management services through professional technical teams handling end-to-end operations. To date, SESIPL has trained nearly 75,000 professionals, with 5,000 staff currently under direct employment. SESIPL is now looking to recruit around 2,000 electrical professionals this year. Job opportunities are open for ITI and Diploma holders in the electrical field.

A defining milestone came with the Ram Mandir project at Ayodhya. Through Tata Consulting Engineers, SESIPL was awarded the tender by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust and became the sole vendor for execution of the entire electrical work at the sacred site. For Shetty, it was not just another project. SESIPL has been awarded the comprehensive technical maintenance of the entire Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Complex for the next three years by the Shri Ram Mandir Trust.

"If workmanship is compromised, the damage - seen or unseen - can be disastrous," he says. Integrity, especially in work that remains hidden, became non-negotiable.

Faith has remained a quiet constant in his life. Beyond Ayodhya, SESIPL has contributed to infrastructure development at Mantralaya Mutt under the guidance of H.H. Sri Subudhendra Teertha Swamiji, the current and 31st pontiff of the Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt in Mantralayam, transforming facilities for pilgrims - now welcoming nearly one lakh visitors a day. Kateelu Durga Parameshwari, Shetty's kula devata, remains deeply personal to him.

Today, SESIPL employs 5,000 people and has had a turnover of approximately ₹600 crore. The company is now associated with the Noida International Airport project - one of the world's largest, spanning 13,500 acres with six runways and a 22-year execution horizon. Looking ahead, Shetty is confident of doubling revenues to ₹1,000 crore in the next couple of years and expanding the workforce to around 10,000. Skill development is central to that vision. He plans to establish training centres focused on practical learning, open even to those who may not have succeeded academically. "Talent is everywhere," he says. "Opportunity is not."

Sustainability is another priority. SESIPL has adopted a paperless, app-based HR system where all employee records - from onboarding to exit—are stored digitally, saving thousands of sheets of paper annually. Plastic use is minimised, renewable energy is encouraged, and solar power is seen as the future.

Through CSR initiatives like Deevige, the company supports rural education, builds quality toilets for girls, distributes school bags, organises blood donation drives, and invests in community upliftment. Soft-spoken, approachable, and gregarious, Rajesh Shetty works quietly from a Koramangala by-lane. Yet his work powers airports, temples, campuses, and cities.

Rajesh Shetty works quietly from the Koramangala head office in Bengaluru. The organization is a pioneer in electrical and MEP contracting, serving sectors such as data centers, IT parks, industries, hospitality, commercial complexes, airports, temples, and more, with successful project execution across PAN India.

For more information, contact https://sesipl.com

Mr. Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Shri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

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Guest of Honour
Shri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka

Sushri. Shobha Karandlaje
Hon'ble Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India

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Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka and Chairman, International Trade Fair - 2026

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Shri Krishna Byregowda
Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Govt. of Karnataka

Shri Shivanand Patil
Hon'ble Minister of Textile, Sugarcane Development & Sugar and Agricultural Marketing, Govt. of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology and Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Minister of Animal Husbandry and Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka

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Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Shri Chalavadi T. Narayanaswamy
Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Council

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Hon'ble Member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Malleshwaram Constituency

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Opportunity for farmers to record and upload the crop details of their own land in the "Farmer Crop Survey Mobile App".

Crop Survey
Crop details can be uploaded with the help of local private residents/ Department Officials.

Crop survey information can be viewed and any discrepancies may be resolved by raising objections through "Bele Darshak App".

For more information, Contact " Farmers helpline - 18004253553".

Karnataka State Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bangalore - 560001.

KPCC spokesperson M Lakshmana criticised the Union Budget as "faceless, baseless and visionless", alleging that it did not have any new projects for Karnataka. Lakshmana, displaying an empty steel mug and coconut shells, said the Centre had presented a budget of ₹53.5 lakh crore, but questioned the mounting debt burden

BHAJANS, SONGS, DANCE: CHAOS RULES LAST DAY OF SESSION

● OPPN STAGES OVERNIGHT DHARNA SEEKING TIMMAPUR'S RESIGNATION ● OPPOSITION PROTESTING AS IT CAN'T DEFEND VB-G RAM G: CONGRESS

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COMPLETE pandemonium prevailed in the Assembly on Wednesday, the last day of the special session of the legislature convened to discuss the Union Government's decision to repeal the MGNREGA and replace it with the VB-G RAM G Act.

The debate on the resolution moved by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to get the Centre repeal the VB-G RAM G Act and reinstate MGNREGA was held amid protests by the Opposition BJP and JDS legislators. The Opposition members also continued their overnight protest demanding the resignation of Excise Minister RD Timmapur over the alleged multi-crore liquor scam.

While the Opposition members were singing, dancing, and even mimicking while staging a protest demanding the minister's resignation, Congress MLAs were taking turns in criticising the VB G-RAM-G Act and several other policies of the Union Government.

Ironically, the proceedings were held when the House was not in order.

As soon as the proceedings commenced on Wednesday, the BJP and JDS legislators continued their overnight dharna inside the Assembly Hall and entered the well of the House.

The Opposition members initially raised slogans against the State Government and Timmapur.

However, when Speaker UT Khader permitted Congress MLAs to speak on the MGNREGA resolution, the protesting members began disrupting the proceedings by singing bhajans, and a few were seen clapping and dancing. There was tapping of the tables to match the rhythm of the songs. At one point, some members even took the microphone and mimicked Speaker Khader in an attempt to prevent Congress legislators from speaking.

(Left) Leader of Opposition in Assembly R Ashoka and former home minister Araga Jnanendra sit on the steps leading to the Assembly after the Opposition's overnight dharna seeking the resignation of Excise Minister RB Timmapur, in Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday; BJP and JDS legislators protest | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Meanwhile, Congress MLA and Chief Minister's Economic Adviser Basavaraj Rayareddy, while criticising the VB-G RAM G Act, broke into the Bollywood song 'Ram ka naam badnam na karo' from the Dev Anand movie 'Hare Rama, Hare Krishna'.

Interestingly, despite the House not being in order, the Speaker allowed Congress MLAs to speak on the MGNREGA issue. Several members, including Sharath Bacchegowda, Shivalingegowda, Konareddy, Rizwan Arshad, Basavaraj Rayareddy, and Narayanaswamy, addressed the House amid the chaos. The Speaker attempted to silence the microphones on the Opposition benches to prevent disruption of the speeches made by the Ruling party members.

While Congress accused the Opposition of disrupting the proceedings, as they cannot defend the new Act, the BJP said that the Speaker made no efforts to resolve the impasse and prevent the night-long dharna.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Assembly on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Council passes resolution opposing VB-G RAM G amid Oppn boycott

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IN a decision highlighting the simmering tension between the Karnataka and Union governments over rural employment issues, the Karnataka Legislative Council passed unanimously the resolution opposing the VB-G RAM G at 9.39 pm on Wednesday.

The resolution was passed in the 75-member Upper House where not a single opposition member was present since they had officially boycotted the proceedings and walked out.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil and RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge and members like K Shiva Kumar stressed the fact that the Bill undermines federalism by imposing a 40% burden on the states limiting job guarantees and granting more powers to the Centre in determining the type of work funding and areas of implementation.

The resolution was moved by HK Patil who spared no words but directly criticised the Act as an attack on the federal structure and principles of equity.

The Congress members urged the Centre to withdraw VB-G RAM G Act.

While BJP MLC Naveen stood up to challenge their facts and taunted the Congress members saying that they are opposing the Act only because of the 40% burden, Priyank said even Andhra Pradesh, a state ruled by NDA partner TDP, had written to the Centre seeking help for increasing employment.

Congress members argued that VB-G RAM G is a downgrade for state autonomy. They said the Act shifts a massive 40% of the funding responsibility onto states, a move the they termed "against principles of equity".

They said the Centre would gain the power to dictate work types and funding limits, effectively turning states into mere administrative hubs.

Patil said the new job types listed did not include several job types that are essential for rural infrastructure listed under the MGNREGA.

Meanwhile, Priyank argued that the new Act threatens the "Right to Livelihood" under Article 21, potentially pushing millions of rural workers into economic uncertainty.

Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, MLC Ravi Kumar and MLC Naveen defended the Act, framing it as a necessary tool to improve efficiency and dismissed the state's resistance as mere appeasement and hypocrisy.

Yatnal suggests Centre to raise share in funding

Defending the VB-G RAM G Act, senior MLA **Basanagouda Patil Yatnal** suggested to the Centre to increase its ratio of funding to implement the scheme from the present 60% to 75%. Yatnal, who was expelled from the BJP, said, "The new Act has been implemented in the wake of misuse of job cards under MGNREGA. It paid special attention with regard to the employment guarantee of the adivasis, physically challenged among others and made the states accountable. The Centre should change the funding ratio to 75:25 from 60:40 and the new Act should be implemented effectively." He appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to not to enter into a conflict with the Centre as it will prove detrimental in the state's development. He urged the CM to withdraw the resolution passes against VB-G RAM G. Senior Congress MLA BR Patil, deputy chairman of the state's planning commission, appreciated Yatnal's suggestion.Earlier, Yatnal, defending the new Act, said that the MGNREGA was originally Jawahar Rozgar Yojna until the UPA government changed it when Dr Manmohan Singh was the PM.

DKS: Ready to discuss if BJP willing to debate

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KARNATAKA Deputy CM DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said that BJP leaders cannot defend the VB-G RAM-G Act, and they do not want a discussion on the MGNREGA. Speaking to media persons, he said that the BJP cannot digest the good work that has happened through MGNREGA.

Panchayats could decide on the work under the earlier scheme, but the Centre will decide on the new scheme, he said, and added that it is impossible to implement this scheme even in BJP-ruled states. "We are ready to discuss if the BJP is willing to debate," he said.

Shivakumar accused the BJP of making baseless allegations against Excise Minister RB Timmapur. No one resigned during the PSI scam during the BJP rule, and no one took responsibility for many scams during the BJP rule, he said. He accused the BJP of trying to target a Dalit minister by demanding his resignation. "Minister Timmapur has highlighted all the corruption during the BJP rule. There is no proof of the allegations made against Timmapur. They are all baseless allegations," he said. The DyCM said the Opposition was disrupting the proceedings in the Assembly as they do not want a discussion on MGNREGA.

Centre trying to silence Rahul, undermining democracy: CM

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday alleged that the Union government has undermined democracy by repeatedly seeking to silence Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi in Parliament, especially over questions related to national security and the Indo-Sino border issues.

In an assertive message posted on X, he highlighted some select portions of the unpublished book by former Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, and pointed out that the actions suggest attempts to suppress the truth. Siddaramaiah's statement comes at a time when there is an uproar, especially from Congress leaders who were offended that Rahul Gandhi was not allowed to raise the issue in Parliament.

Siddaramaiah said Rahul lifted excerpts from the book, which was scheduled for release in 2024, but has been withheld by the government, leading to allegations of censorship. Siddaramaiah said General Naravane has not denied the contents of the book, and only said it is awaiting official clearance.

Siddaramaiah tweeted, "The Modi government's repeated attempts to silence the Leader of Opposition in Parliament are deeply troubling and strike at the heart of India's democracy. Shri @RahulGandhi raised legitimate questions on national security based on excerpts from 'Four Stars of Destiny', the book authored by former Army Chief MM Naravane. The book, originally slated for release in 2024, remains unpublished because it is being withheld by the Government of India. The excerpts were quoted in a recent article by The Caravan magazine. Importantly, General Naravane has not denied the contents attributed to him. On the contrary, he has publicly acknowledged that his book is awaiting government clearance. If these statements were inaccurate or misleading, the government could have issued a clear denial. Its decision, instead, to withhold the book and silence discussion only deepens the suspicion that uncomfortable truths are being suppressed. The book indicates that during the critical phase of the 2020 China border standoff, the Modi Government failed to take clear and decisive strategic calls, leaving the armed forces to manage a complex political crisis within broader constraints. This points not to any failure of the Army, but to a lack of strong political leadership at the highest level under Prime Minister @narendramodi and then Defence Minister @rajnathsingh. Such issues deserve serious discussion in Parliament. Shri Rahul Gandhi did what a responsible Leader of Opposition is duty-bound to do -- ask questions on behalf of the people. He did not speak against the nation or the Armed Forces. Yet, instead of answering, the government stalled Parliament for two consecutive days, suspended eight opposition MPs, and in an unprecedented act, prevented the Leader of the Opposition from speaking on the President's address. In any responsible democracy, such grave revelations would have led to accountability and serious political consequences at the highest level. Instead, this government has chosen suppression and intimidation. If the Modi Government has nothing to hide, why silence debate? And if India's national interest was fully safeguarded, why fear scrutiny in Parliament? #AnswerMadiModi."

Govt setting false narrative through ads: Oppn

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OPPOSITION parties continued to shout slogans against the government, claiming it was setting a false narrative on the new Act through newspaper advertisements. Deputy LoP Arvind Bellad raised the Assembly rule point that any member cannot be allowed to speak for more than 15 minutes on a resolution, and a minister for more than 30 minutes, and the total time for the debate including the ministers' reply, should not exceed 5 hours. If the resolution is passed, it will become invalid, he argued. Speaker UT Khader clarified that according to rules, he can use his discretion to give more time for debate.

LoP R Ashoka remarked that the NDA government had brought in VB-G RAM-G to curb corruption as Congress governments had looted crores of rupees through MGNREGA. He led the opposition parties' walkout from the House, opposing the resolution.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar claimed the Centre had recognised assets created under MGNREGA in Kanakapura, and given awards in the past. "We will resume the struggle until VB-G RAM G Act is rolled back, as the Centre repealed the three farm laws following protests by farmers," he stated. After the resolution was approved, the Speaker adjourned the session sine die.

State's take

The Centre-state funding ratio of 60:40 is undemocratic as the decision has not been taken in consultation with states, which also results in a huge financial burden on the state exchequer.

The new Act violates the Right to Life and Right to Livelihood under Article 21 of the Constitution, and by taking away the powers and autonomy given to Gram Panchayats through the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution. It defeats the objective of Gram Swaraj as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi.

Not Pak, but China is India's enemy: Hariprasad

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OBJECTING to calling Pakistan an enemy nation of India, Congress MLC BK Hariprasad said that it is the Union government that should decide if a nation is India's enemy or not. He, however, said that India's enemy was not Pakistan, but China.

On Wednesday, BJP MLC KS Naveen said that Hariprasad had stated that Pakistan is our neighbouring country and not an enemy nation.

Replying to Naveen, Hariprasad said, "We cannot decide if Pakistan is an enemy nation or not. It has to be decided as per the 'foreign policy.' How can you call a nation an enemy while having its embassy in India?"

He said that the External Affairs Minister has admitted that over 4,000 square kilometres of Indian land is occupied by China, and yet it has not been declared an enemy nation.

"Let Pakistan be declared an enemy nation and permit travelling anywhere using Indian passport, but not to Pakistan", the senior Congress leader further added..

Earlier in the day, Chairman of the Council Basavaraj Horatti permitted members to raise issues under Rule 330 (A) in lieu of zero hour, after which the ruling party members, including Leader of the House NS Boseraju, MLC Saleem Ahmed, demanded that BJP MLC and former minister CT Ravi apologise for his 'Pakistani tongue' remarks and let the House conduct business.

Congress MLCs Naseer Ahmed (left) and BK Hariprasad in the Council on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Leader of Opposition in the Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, in reply, said that it was a closed chapter as Ravi did not use any unparliamentary words.

Intervening, Law Minister HK Patil said that the Chair's 'advice' and 'request' was a 'command' and pointed out that Horatti had sought Ravi's apology five times.

Uproar over Cong MLA Shivalinge Gowda's remarks against BJP MLAs

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CONGRESS MLA Shivalinge Gowda's alleged unparliamentary remarks against BJP MLAs, especially Sharanu Salagar and Vedavyas Kamath, led to noisy scenes in the Assembly on Wednesday. Legislators from Opposition parties staged a dharna in the well of the House demanding that Gowda apologise for his remarks.

Earlier, Gowda was speaking on the resolution against VB-G RAM-G when Opposition legislators demanded that Excise Minister RB Timmapur resign over the alleged Rs 6,000-crore scam in the excise department. Disturbed by BJP MLAs' noisy protest, Gowda, who lost his cool, made some unparliamentary remarks against them.

Showing a book, BJP's Sunil Kumar said Gowda has the habit of making unparliamentary remarks. He brought to the notice of Speaker UT Khader some unparliamentary remarks made by Gowda, which were expunged from the Assembly's record in the past.

The book also had some remarks made by Khader during his tenure as MLA, the BJP MLAs said.

Refusing to apologise, Gowda said the Opposition legislators provoked him. Gowda said they accused him of cheating JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda by joining the Congress party.

The Opposition legislators, who continued their protest, suggested that the Speaker need not expunge the remarks of Gowda. But Khader said the remarks had been expunged.

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has reduced bus fares on the Mangaluru-Kasaragod route following the withdrawal of toll collection at the Arikady toll plaza near Kumble in Kerala on National Highway-66

B'luru-Pune High-Speed Rail gets thumbs-up

Vaishnaw responded positively to proposal, says Union minister Joshi

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi during a conversation with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav in New Delhi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

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UNION Minister of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs and New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi has said that Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has responded positively to a proposal for a new High-Speed Rail (HSR) corridor connecting Bengaluru and Pune, a move aimed at transforming connectivity between two of the country's important cities.

The proposal was spearheaded by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, who met Minister Vaishnaw on Wednesday. Joshi emphasised that while the recent budget focused on several key routes, a dedicated Bengaluru-Pune corridor is essential for the holistic development of Central and North Karnataka.

While meeting with Vaishnav, Joshi emphasised that the proposed HSR corridor aims to bridge the gap between the tech hubs of Karnataka and Maharashtra. The project is expected to be a game-changer for several districts, including Belagavi, Hubballi, Haveri, Davangere, Chitradurga, and Tumakuru. Also, by reducing travel time, the corridor is designed to spur growth by facilitating faster transit for business, students, and the logistics sector.

"If this corridor is realised, it will not only benefit the major metros but will unlock the economic potential of North Karnataka's districts," Minister Joshi stated, following the meeting. He noted that the Railway Minister's positive response marks a crucial first step towards formalising the project.

This development follows the announcement of the Union Budget 2026, which already includes corridors such as Mumbai-Pune, Hyderabad-Bengaluru and Chennai-Bengaluru. Adding the Bengaluru-Pune link would complete a high-speed network that effectively integrates the southern and western industrial belts.

SEEKING CLARITY

Members of National Students Union of India protest against PM Narendra Modi and his government policies, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Democracy declined since 2014, says Teesta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

"I see 2014 as a downward marker for Indian democracy," Padma Shri recipient and civil rights activist Teesta Setalvad said in Bengaluru on Wednesday. She was delivering a lecture as part of St Joseph's College of Commerce's annual Republic Day lecture series, on the need to strengthen the country's democracy.

Using 2014 – the year the present Central government came to power – as a cultural signpost, Setalvad charted a map of descent when it comes to Indian democracy and all its institutions. "Ours is a democracy in progress, it was not perfect before 2014 and it is far from perfect now. But what is it about 2014? I would like to submit that what we have been witnessing post 2014 is a counter-revolution of sorts, through the struggle of minorities, to give us the Constitution in 1950. Constitutional posts are held by those who do not adhere to the values the text stands for," she said.

Setalvad also spoke at length about the 'Vote chori' issue, citing the incident as one of the most damning indictments of the facade that is India's democracy. "We have reached a stage where elections are no longer fair. It is a lesson to us all that a government that began with the capture of the media, has progressed to capture other institutions that otherwise maintain at least a facade of democracy. The Election Commission of India is one of them," she said.

BMCRI allied health students protest, seek stipend

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ALLIED Health Science students of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) staged a protest on the college campus on Wednesday, demanding payment of stipends during their compulsory internship year and highlighting long-standing issues related to infrastructure and teaching staff shortages. The students, pursuing BSc AHS under Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), said their four-year course includes a mandatory one-year internship that is required to be paid. However, unlike MBBS and postgraduate medical students, AHS interns have not been receiving any stipend, despite working in government hospitals, including Victoria.

Students said the issue has been raised by successive batches for over five to six years. They submitted representations to college authorities, administrative departments and the government, but received no concrete response. "We tried approaching the authorities and through written appeals, but nothing worked. That is why we were forced to protest," a student said.

The students also alleged that they were threatened with suspension, cancellation of exam.

BEML, IISc, FSID to drive next-gen technology

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BEML Ltd has entered into a strategic tripartite research collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Foundation for Science, Innovation and Development (FSID) to advance next-generation research across key engineering and technology domains.

The partnership has been formalised through a Tripartite Master Research Agreement (MRA), creating a structured framework for joint research execution, shared access to research infrastructure and operational coordination between industry and academia. The collaboration will focus on blue-sky, applied and translational research in critical areas such as aerospace and defence, rail and Metro systems, mining and construction equipment, maritime technologies and green techn.

The agreement was signed at the IISc campus in the presence of BEML Chairman and Managing Director Shantanu Roy, IISc Director Govindan Rangarajan and FSID Director B Gurumoorthy, along with senior leadership from BEML and representatives from the participating institutions.

Officials said the initiative will be anchored through BEML's newly established Central Research Facility, which is envisioned as a centre of excellence for advanced research, technology development and proof-of-concept initiatives aligned with the company's long-term strategic roadmap.

EXPRESS READ

Sri Vidyalakshmi School wins big at state-level sports competition

Bengaluru: Sri Vidyalakshmi International School won the state-level inter-school cricket championship. Around 14 schools participated in the under-14 and under-16 throwball and cricket competition organised at the Rani Chennamma Stadium. In both categories in cricket, Sri Vidyalakshmi International School was crowned the winner. The school came second in throwball. School principal H G Siddalingaiah congratulated the students and secretary Mangala Siddalingaiah told the students about the values that sports teach. Physical education teacher Shankar, students and teachers participated in the felicitation programme. ENS

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Government of Karnataka
Office of The Administrative Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar, Shivamogga Dist-577401.
No.: SDH/TENDER/DIET/127/2025-26 Date: 02.02.2026

e-Tender Notice regarding supply of prepared diet food.

e-Tender is invited through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(KPPP) as per two tender document system from eligible firms for supply of prepared diet food to Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar and Mother and Children Hospital, Sagar for the year 2026-27 and interested, eligible Tenderers can upload the rates. Last date for uploading the rates: 19.02.2026 and for further details in this regard, it is requested to log on to website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Sagar.

DIPR/smg/No.20/02/25-26/KSMCA/SMG/1754

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SECTION, CIRCLE OFFICE NO.86, M.G.ROAD, BENGALURU-560001. PH: 25310038

PREMISES REQUIRED

Sealed offers are invited under **TWO-BID SYSTEM** from the owners of commercial space on **Main Road** preferably on **Ground Floor** having independent access, good frontage, parking and willing to construct strong room as per RBI specification and ready for occupation with required power load for shifting of the existing branches at the following locations:

LOCATION	Name of the Dist.	Population Group	Approx Carpet Area In Sq.ft.
IN & AROUND BENGALURU BENSON TOWN	BENGALURU	METRO	2,500
BENGALURU KUMARA PARK WEST	BENGALURU	METRO	2,500
BENGALURU HALASUR	BENGALURU	METRO	2,500
BENGALURU MAJESTIC	BENGALURU	METRO	2,500

The details are published in the Bank's Website: **http://www.canarabank.bank.in** The necessary application forms may be obtained from the above mentioned Office OR downloaded from the Bank's Website under **Announcement → Tenders**. Last date for submission of offers is **19.02.2026 up to 3.00 P.M** at our office.

Further, communications, corrigendum, amendments, if any, will be hosted in Bank's website only. "BROKERS EXCUSE"

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 04.02.2026
Sd/-
Assistant General Manager

IN THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BANGALORE
New premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavann Road Bangalore -560001

O.A.No:426 of 2021

Between:
IndusInd Bank Ltd
.. Applicant
And
M/s. Opto Cardiac Care Ltd. & Ors.
.. Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
Mr. Vinod Ramnani (Personal Guarantee) No. 118, Kasavanahalli, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560035

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bank ruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of **Rs. 62,44,53,979/- as on 30-11-2020 (Rupees Sixty Two Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine only) 30/11/2020** together with current and future interest, cost, and other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the Publication of the Summons or on **07/05/2026 at 10.30 A.M.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 16th day of Janurary 2026.
Sd/- REGISTRAR
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore

Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Executive Engineer, KNNL,No.6 Canal Division, Ballari

Tender Notification (Call-2)

Reference: This office tender notification No: 1796 ; Dated:02.02.2026

The Executive Engineer, KNNL No.6 Canal Division, Ballari on behalf of Managing Director KNNL, Bangalore invites the tender for Eight works namely **W.I.3457, W.I.3637, W.I.3444, W.I.3399, W.I.3393, W.I.3386, W.I.3406 & WI.3395** with Amount put to Tender (Excluding GST) of Rs.84.57 lakhs to Rs.169.30 lakhs respectively in the Jurisdiction of this Division under the head of account 4701 from the registered eligible contractors in the KPWD, GOK on Two Cover system basis through Karnataka public procurement portal.

The bidders can access and download blank tender document through e-procurement from 05.02.2026 from 11.00 AM onwards

The last date for the submission of tenders is 20.02.2026 up to 4.30pm, Technical bid opening date is 21.02.2026 at 5.00 pm and Financial bid opening date is 27.02.2026 at 5.00 pm or after approval of Technical Bid.

The Tender documents can be viewed/downloaded from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any changes either in tender details or any other conditions, if recalled, tenderers can view in KPPP Portal only. Separate notification in this regards will not be published.

For any additional information, the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours or submit the request through office email: eeno6cdbly@yahoo.in for information.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL,No.6 Canal Division, Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/959/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka has accorded Environmental Clearance for the project for the Proposed Expansion of Existing Resort – "Pai Vista Hotels Pvt Ltd" at Sy. No. 98/2, 99/2, 94/2, 94/3, 101, 96, 81, 83, 85, 99/1, 84, 102, 79, 82, 91, 92, 93, 95, 98/1, 94/1, 94/4 in Modur Village, Kedakal Post, Suntikoppa Hobli, Kushalanagara Taluk, Kodagu District, Karnataka, 571237 vide EC No: EC25C0000KA5921226N and File No.: SEIAA 323 CON 2025 dated 03.02.2026 under the provision of EIA Notification, 14th September 2006.

Copy of the Clearance Letter is available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen at website of the PARIVESH portal.

(Authorized Signatory)
Ajay.J.Pai

CIAL COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD

CIAL/OPS/TENDER/1/2026 **TENDER NOTICE** 05/02/2026

Tenders are invited for **SITC, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SOLID WASTE TO REFUSE DERIVED FUEL (RDF) / ENERGY PLANT AT CIAL.**

The Tender document will be issued from **10/02/2026 to 26/02/2026** on payment of Rs 2950/- (GST inclusive) by Bank Transfer / demand draft favouring CIAL from the Operations Department of CIAL.

For eligibility criteria and other details, visit our website **www.cial.aero**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Reference No. ECN-01-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Arranging additional High Tension Power supply to an extant dedicated feeder for 1150KVA (Existing 350KVA) totaling to 1500KVA from pottery Road to Bengaluru Cantonment Railway station.	Rs. 1,12,52,164.02

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 18-02-2026**

For details log one www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution (Construction) Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/856/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, **भारत** सरकार)
Employees' State Insurance Corporation
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of **India**)
स्थापना शाखा–1, क.रा.बी.नि., मुख्यालय
ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH-1, ESIC, HEADQUARTERS
पंचदीप भवन, सी.आई.जी. मार्ग, नई दिल्ली–110002
PANCHDEEP BHAWAN, C.I.G. MARG, NEW DELHI-110 002
Website: www.esic.gov.in

File No.- A/37/12/1/2021.E-1 Dated: 30.01.2026

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT

Subject: Recruitment of Regional Director Grade 'A' / Director in Level-13 on deputation basis (Including Short-Term Contract) in ESI Corporation.

ESI Corporation has invited applications for 58 (Fifty eight) vacancy in the cadre of Regional Director Gr. 'A' / Director in Level 13 (Rs.1,23,100/ - 2,15,900/-) on deputation (including Short-Term Contract) basis for a period not exceeding 3 years.

S. No.	Name of Post	Method of Recruitment	Scale of Pay	No. of Posts
1.	Regional Director Grade 'A'/ Director	Deputation (Including Short-Term Contract basis)	Level-13 (Rs.1,23,100/ - 2,15,900/-)	58

An advertisement containing full details in this regard has been published in the 10-16 Jan, 2026 issue of the Employment News. Those who are interested may go through the issue for details or can log on to ESIC website www.esic.gov.in/circulars at Console no. 23898/2025 dated 26.12.2025 for details and downloading the Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae proforma.

Sd/-
(Ratnesh Kumar Gautam)
Insurance Commissioner (P&A)

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase–IV, Gurgaon-122015. (Haryana) and Branch Office at:- **Soma Merit, No.9, Ground Floor, Venkataswamy Naidu Street, Taskar Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001** under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website : www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property / Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
Mr. R Pinto Mrs. Maria P **(Prospect No. 970268)**	06/08/2024 **Rs.4477804.00** (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred & Four Only) **Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40000.00/-** (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing: Municipal no.117, Old House List no. 225, Kaneshumari no.81, PID no.89/264/117 Situated at Kammanahalli, Kacharkanahalli Dakle, Kasaba Hobili-I, Bangalore North tq, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560043 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet_Area Property Area: 900.00, 621.00, 527.85	09/01/2026 **Total Outstanding As On Date 09/01/2026 Rs. 4523777.95/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven & Ninety Five Paise Only)	Rs.3390000.0/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.339000.00/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Only)	18/02/2026 11:00 hrs-14:00 hrs **EMD Last Date 20/02/2026 till 5 pm.** **Date / Time of E Auction 23/02/2026 at 11:00 hrs.-13:00 hrs**

Mode Of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www. iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only. Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >Select "My Bid" > Click on Pay Balance Amount

Terms and Conditions:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.iiflonehome.com, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit the payment of the EMD prior to participation. Upon payment, bidders are required to submit the electronically signed E-Tender Form/Bid Form (E-Sign) using their Aadhaar Number.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, costs associated with the conveyance or transfer of the land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS applicable to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.
6. Bidders are advised to go through the website https: // www.iiflonehome.com for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the eauction sale proceedings.
7. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- auction.hl@iifl.com, Support Helpline no.1800 2672 499.
8. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no.1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflonehome.com
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost

PLACE:- BANGALORE | DATE: 05.02.2026 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **21.02.2026 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes' duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of **Rs. 2,67,20,037.96/-** (Two Crore Sixty-Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand Thirty-Seven and Ninety-Six Paisa only.) plus further interest as on 03.02.2026 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from **Mr. Mallesh Gowda.**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **20.02.2026, 5.00 pm. (Rs. in Lacs)**

	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price Rs.	EMD Rs.	Incremental value Rs.
1	All that piece and parcel of the exiting residential flat bearing No. 003 Ground Floor, Gangothri Pavithra Paradise, Subramanyapura main road, Kadirenahalli, Bengaluru-560070. East: Site No. 7, 6, 5 & 4, West: Foyer, North: Flat No. 002, South : Site No. 1 & 2. **Property Belongs to Mr. Mallesh Gowda, Smt. Jayalakshmi and Mr. Abhishek M**	77.49	7.75	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No. 9535093706 and 9039609346)** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 04.02.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

South Western Railway, in coordination with Konkan Railway, has decided to operate a special express train between Yesvantpur and Madgaon Junction during the Mahashivaratri festival. The train will depart Yesvantpur at 12.30pm on February 13, 2026, and reach Madgaon at 6.45am the next day. On return, the train will leave Madgaon at 11am on February 16 and arrive at Yesvantpur at 4.45am the following day

12 get 5-yr RI for assault of ST woman in B'gavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

IN a landmark verdict that sends a strong message against mob violence and crimes against women, the 10th District and Sessions Court in Belagavi on Wednesday sentenced 12 persons, including six women, to five years rigorous imprisonment for the brutal assault, public stripping and attempted murder of a 42-year-old woman from the Scheduled Tribe community at Hosavantamuri village on the outskirts of Belagavi.

The case dates back to December 11, 2023, when the accused allegedly unleashed a reign of terror on the victim late in the night. According to the prosecution, the accused forcibly broke into the woman's house, assaulted her, issued death threats, tore and snatched her mangalsutra, and dragged her out. She was stripped naked, tied to an electric pole and beaten, causing grievous injuries and grossly violating her dignity and modesty.

The attack was reportedly triggered by a love affair. The victim's son had allegedly eloped with the daughter of the prime accused Basappa Rudrappa Naik on December 10, 2023. Enraged by this, the accused are said to have targeted the woman. Following the victim's complaint, Kakati police registered an FIR on December 11, 2023, invoking multiple stringent provisions of the IPC, including attempt to murder, dacoity, criminal trespass, rioting with deadly weapons, assault on a woman, criminal intimidation and destruction of property, along with sections of the Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act.

The DG&IGP transferred the case to the CID on December 16, 2023. The CID completed the probe in 133 days and filed a chargesheet on April 22, 2024, citing 92 witnesses and producing 37 material exhibits. Taking suo motu cognisance, the Karnataka High Court initiated proceedings and directed the trial court to complete the case within one year. The Belagavi Court conducted an expedited trial, examining 45 witnesses and closely scrutinising documentary and material evidence. The court found the testimonies of the victim and eyewitnesses to be credible, consistent and reliable.

Upon completion of the trial, the court convicted A1 to A12 under Section 235 of the CrPC for offences punishable under Sections 143, 148, 427, 450, 504, 323, 324, 326, 506, 341, 342, 353, 392 and 354B read with Section 149 of the IPC, sentencing all of them to five years of rigorous imprisonment. The convicted persons are Basappa Naika, Raju Naika, Kempanna Naika, Parvathi Naika, Yellavva Naika, Lakkappa Naika, Gangavva Walikar, Sangeeta Heggaanaika, Santosh Naika, Shobha Naika, Lakkavva Naika, and Shivappa Vannuri.

Prasanna Kumar (centre) stages a protest in front of the taluk office at Madhugiri in Tumakuru district on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Farmer offers radish as bribe to Madhugiri revenue official for road construction

Tumakuru: A farmer chose a novel mode of protest, albeit out of desperation, by offering a bundle of radish to a revenue official who allegedly refused to sanction the laying of a road connecting his farm to the thoroughfare in his village near Madhugiri. Prasanna Kumar, a resident of Jakkenahalli village, on Tuesday brought the radish he grew on his farm to the taluk office and announced through a portable loudspeaker that he was going to offer it to the revenue inspector concerned and the village accountant as bribe, as he had no money to bribe them. Kumar alleged that the officials had been delaying the road project for the past two years despite instructions from the Lokayukta to start the work. "I have no money to bribe them. Instead, I will give the radish I have grown on my farm as a bribe," he said. The farmer grows vegetables and other agricultural products on his own land. "I had approached the Lokayukta court after the officials did not pay heed to my request to either remove encroachment on an existing road or lay a new one," Kumar said. The Lokayukta ordered the officials to construct a new road to the farmer's land within a month, but they are yet to even make a spot inspection, he said adding that his appeal to the tahsildar also fell on deaf ears. Kumar said the Shivanagere village accountant had been harassing him for the money for getting the work done. Madhuguri Assistant Commissioner Shivappa Goturu told TNIE that a road had already been laid but the farmer has been demanding it should be laid through his brother's land for his convenience. "I will instruct the tahasildar concerned to make a spot visit and file a report. If the officials are guilty, I will take suitable action," he said. **ENS**

State to introduce post harvest model for rice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE state government is introducing a first-of-its-kind post-harvest and value-addition model aimed at improving farmer incomes by moving beyond cultivation-centric agriculture.

Announcing the initiative on Wednesday, Agriculture Minister N Chalavurayaswamy said the model focuses on processing, branding, packaging and marketing of produce, enabling farmers to earn four to five times higher income and reduce dependence on middlemen.

He was speaking at "Agriculture Beyond Production--Empowering Farmers", a two-day conference organised by the Department of Agriculture under bilateral cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, through the SuATI project implemented by GIZ India. The minister added that India has overtaken China to become the world's largest producer and exporter of rice, with production ranging between 140 and 160 million metric tonnes annually. However, he said record output had not translated into financial security for farmers, who continue to face debt, crop risks and post-harvest losses.

The new model focuses on processing, branding, packaging and marketing of agricultural produce, moving beyond traditional cultivation practices. Chalavuraya Swamy said farmers could earn four to five times higher income by adding value to their produce and accessing markets directly.

The state is also encouraging the formation of cooperatives and farmer producer organisations to collectively process and market products, reduce dependence on middlemen and build farmer confidence. He said the initiative was also aimed at educated youth seeking employment, offering them opportunities in integrated and progressive farming.

EXPRESS READ

HDK seeks Centre's help to end man-animal conflict in state

Hassan: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel HD Kumaraswamy on Wednesday met his counterpart for Environment, Ecology and Forest Bhupendra Yadav in the national capital and discussed the pros and cons of the rising man–animal conflict in Karnataka. A statement issued by Kumaraswamy, who represents Mandya in Parliament, said he handed over to Yadav a detailed report about the decades old elephant menace, especially the farmers in Hassan district are facing. He said he has urged Yadav to consider the issue seriously and try to come up with a permanent solution for the menace plaguing Hassan, Madikeri, Mysuru, Chankagaluru and Chamarajanagar districts. The farmers and the coffee growers in the border areas are the worst-hit with more than 80 persons having been trampled to death and hundreds of others having been rendered permanently disabled in elephant attacks in Hassan district alone. **ENS**

Bengaluru to host trade fair 2026, aims to empower farmers

Bengaluru: The state department of agriculture will organise the International Trade Fair 2026 in Bengaluru from February 6 to 8 under the theme Agriculture Beyond Production – Empowering Farmers, with the aim of strengthening farmers' income and promoting sustainable agri-enterprises, the government said in a statement on Wednesday. The fair will focus on key sub-themes including processing and value addition, agro-ecology and branding and credit services. It aims to create awareness and capacity building among small-scale food processors, farmer groups, self-help groups and farmer–producer organisations (FPOs), enabling farmers to move beyond production and adopt entrepreneurial approaches. The event is expected to provide an enabling platform for showcasing innovations, best practices and market-linked solutions that support secondary agriculture and agri-based enterprises. By bringing together stakeholders from across the agricultural value chain, the trade fair seeks to promote sustainable models that enhance farmer participation in value-added markets. Key themes at the fair include agroecology, climate-resilient farming, circular agri-value chains, eco-labelling, certification and farmer-centric institutional models. **ENS**

Six districts account for half of crop cover claims

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

NEARLY half of the crop insurance claims raised from Karnataka under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the past five years came from six districts, reveal data tabled in the Lok Sabha.

The districts that account for the highest crop insurance claims are Vijayapura, Haveri, Gadag, Dakshina Kannada, Dharwad and Chitradurga, and the total claim amount accounts to more than Rs 5,900 crore during the 2020-25 period, while the total claim reported during the period is Rs 11,251.8 crore.

Vijayapura alone has raised claims for Rs 1,328.36 crore, followed by Haveri at Rs 1,272.35 crore and Gadag Rs 1,122.48 crore, reflecting the high vulnerability of these agrarian belts to weather shocks and yield losses. In contrast, several other districts have reported very low crop insurance claims, indicating either lower exposure to weather-related crop losses or limited coverage. Bengaluru Urban recorded the lowest claims at Rs 1.12 crore, followed by Mysuru at Rs 7.11 crore, Kodagu at Rs 10.03 crore and Bengaluru Rural at Rs 10.96 crore.

While the overall settlement rate in Karnataka remains high, the concentration of claims in a few districts has also meant that delays, when they occur, affect farmers in these regions. As of December 31, 2025, pending claims in Karnataka stood at Rs 69.02 crore, with districts such as Bagalkot and Raichur accounting for a significant share of the outstanding amount.

The agriculture ministry has attributed delays in the settlement of claims primarily to structural and administrative factors rather than denial. These include delays by the state government machinery in releasing their share of the premium subsidy, errors or late submission of insurance proposals by banks, discrepancies in yield data arising from crop cutting experiments and disputes between state authorities and insurance companies over assessed losses.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.
PHONE : 08472 -220196, E-mail : midnglb@rediffmail.com / midnglb1@gmail.com

IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-4/2025-26/ 4656 DATED : 02-02-2026

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) ::

1) Detail of Work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER 4702 A.P.B FOR THE YEAR 2025-26, 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 14,49,15,217.67, Min. Rs. 2,40,93,707.90** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-II & Above, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPP Portal E.M.D. Max. Rs. 14,50,000.00 Min. Rs. 3,62,000.00 5) Tender Publishing Date: **10-02-2026**, 6) Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Time: **26-02-2026 Upto 11.00 Hours,** 7) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **27-02-2026 Upto 11.00 Hours,** 8) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **02-03-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **03-03-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 10) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **04-03-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 11) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 12) Address of E-Portal: **(https:// kppp.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation &
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1044/KSMC&A/2025-26 **Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
MADURAI HIGHWAYS, PROJECTS CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 16/2025-26/SDO, Dated: 03.02.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Scheduled Tender under two cover system through online only will be received upto 23.02.2026, 12.15 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle for the work of "Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) at km 0/10 of Palani – Dharapuram road (SH 83) in lieu of existing L.C.No.63 at Railway km 58/700 - 800 in between Palani – Udumalapettai Railway Stations" pertaining to Madurai(H), Projects Division.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 09.02.2026 onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/689/Tender/2026 **Superintending Engineer (H), Projects Circle, Madurai**

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ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಂವೈಜೆಡ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26 ದಿ.02.02.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು 1) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1ರ Indent No:137/25- 26(2nd Call) Dt.02.02.2026 ಅನ್ವಯ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

DIPR/DDMYS/1595/KSMCA/904/2025-26 ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING) **ARM Branch Manipal**

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Auction date: 25.02.2026 Time: 11.00AM to 12.00PM

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties Through E-auction (online Auction) Under The Securitisation and Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rules 8(6) & 9 Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in Particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable Property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" On 25-02-2026.

1) Total Liabilities as on 31.01.2026 For recovery of Rs. 3,96,05,875.26 (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Six Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five and Paisa Twenty Six Only) Plus further interest thereon from 01.02.2026 along with suit expenses and other legal charges due to the ARM Branch manipal of Canara Bank from Borrower/s Mr M A Hasan Bava (Deceased) S/o Mulki Abdul Khader represented by his legal heirs & Co-Borrower's : 1) Mrs Aseema Banu W/o Late M A Hasan Bava, 2) Ms Gulshan D/o Late M A Hasan Bava, 3) Mr Fazul Rahman S/o Late M A Hasan Bava and Legal Heirs: 4) Ms. Nilofer D/o Late M A Hasan Bava, 5) Ms. Shama D/o Late M A Hasan Bava, 6) Ms. Sumaya D/o Late M A Hasan Bava, No.1, 2 & 3 are residing at No 16 4 296 Flat No 1, Gulshan Apartment, Mascarenhas Lane, Falnir Road, Kankanady, Mangalore-575002 and No. 4, 5, 6 are residing at D No 1 N 5 391/205, Flat No 2301, 23rd Floor, Bhandary Heights, Derebail Village, Mangaluru -575002

Description of the immovable assets: All that part and parcel of Residential apartment No 2301 bearing city corporation Door No 1-N-5-391/205,measuring 4850 sqft(450.58 Sq mtrs)super built up area(3542.6 sqft(329.115 sq mtrs)in carpet area)private terrace with swimming pool measuring 1925 sqft(178.836 sqmtrs)on the twenty third floor,together with 3 exclusive car parking space no 1,4 and V14 in the ground floor of the apartment building known as "Bhandary Heights"and an undivided 2.33% right,title and interest in the common areas and facilities and amenities of the building and undivided 2.00% right,title and interest in the non agricultural immovable properties ,held on warg rights, measuring 1 Acre 10.20 Cents situated in Re Sy No.s 42-9A, 42-7P1, 42-7P2, 42-7P3, 42-7A1, 42-7A2, 42-7A6, 42-6A1A2 & 42-7A4, Derebail village of Mangalore Taluk within the limits of Mangalore city corporation, within the registration sub- district of Mangalore City, District of Dakshina

Reserve Price: Rs. 3,60,00,000/- (Rs Three Crore Sixty Lakh only)
EMD: Rs. 36,00,000/- (Rs Thirty Six Lakh only)
Incremental Value Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh Only)

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 24.02.2026 - 5.00PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.bank.in) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM Branch, Manipal, Canara Bank, Ph. No.0820-2575412, 9449862135, 8891207468 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Manipal, Date: 03/02/2026 **Authorised Officer Canara Bank**

TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
E-Mail : gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in Website : www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600 008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of **RT-PCR Kits** to TNMSC Ltd for **three years** from the date of acceptance of the tender.

Sl. No.	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for fixing rate contract for **RT-PCR Kits** to TNMSC Limited for **three years** from the date of acceptance.	**e-002/M(P)/ RT-PCR/ TNMSC/2026, Dated. 09.02.2026**	**09.02.2026 at 4.00 PM to 20.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM**	**11.02.2026 at 10.00 AM to 20.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM**	**20.02.2026 at 4.00 PM**

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/.** The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

DIPR / 660 / TENDER / 2026 **Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
PROJECTS CIRCLE, TIRUNELVELI-2

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE NO. 01SE/P.C/TNY/2025-2026, DATED.02.02.2026.
e-TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM) PRE QUALIFICATION & RATE TENDER SYSTEM

On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **e**-tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Projects Circle, Tirunelveli from the registered eligible contractors in Water Resources Department / Public Works Department in the appropriate class through Web Portal **www.tntenders.gov.in**.The **tenders will be opened on 23.02.2026 at 11.30 A.M** at the Office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Projects Circle, Tirunelveli.

Period of availability of Tender schedule for download	06.02.2026 to 21.02.2026 upto3.00 PM
Last date for of submission of application for getting site visit certificate from the concerned Executive Engineer (On or before)	11.02.2026
Issuance of Site Visit Certificate by the Executive Engineer (On or before)	18.02.2026
Last Date and time for uploading tender	Upto 3.00 P.M. on 21.02.2026
Date and time of opening of tender	at 11.30 A.M. on 23.02.2026
Total No. of works	1 (One)
Approximate Total value of all works	Rs. 3618.00Lakhs

Details of EMD to be remitted and all other details such as regulations, mode of remittance and Pre qualification details are available in Tender document. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost from the Government web site **www.tntenders.gov.in**

Corrections/changes/corrigendum in the tender if any will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/661/Tender/2026 **Superintending Engineer, WRD., Projects Circle, Tirunelveli.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
(CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, TIRUNELVELI
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.42/2025-2026/HDO, Dated:02.02.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Two cover System Percentage tender through online will be received **upto 17.02.2026 At 11.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for **CRIDP Work 2025-26** pertaining to **Virudhunagar (1 Work), C&M Division**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 06.02.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/ Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/703/TENDER/2026 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tiruvannamalai Highways (Construction & Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.75/2025-2026/HDO/Dated:03.02.2026

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender under Two Cover System pertaining to Vellore (H) C&M Division** through online only will be received **upto 21.02.2026 / 11.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tiruvannamalai Circle** for **CRIDP 2025-26 (1 Work).**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 05.02.2026** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/719/TENDER/2026 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M CIRCLE, TIRUVANNAMALAI**

IIT Madras on Wednesday released a first-of-its-kind cancer genome database covering paediatric leukaemia, colorectal and pancreatic cancers, cancers that together account for a substantial share of cancer-related mortality in the country

Appointment of TN V-Cs: SC bins HC's stay order

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ NewDelhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday set aside the May 2025 order of the Madras High Court that stayed the operation of 10 amendments passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly to make the state government, instead of governor, the appointing authority of Vice-Chancellors of various state universities.

Questioning the manner in which a vacation bench of the HC acted in a "tearing hurry" to stay the laws, a bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul Pancholi quashed the HC's interim order and directed the matter be listed before a bench presided by Chief Justice of the Madras High Court or any other appropriate bench for rehearing.

The procedure adopted by the HC was fundamentally flawed, as the stay was granted first and arguments were taken later

—Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Sr Counsel

The top court -- while questioning as to why the vacation bench was examining the constitutionality of university statutes -- passed the order after hearing the petitions filed by Tamil Nadu against the HC order. The state had also filed a petition seeking to transfer the matter from the HC to the apex court.

The bench, which requested the HC to decide the matter within six weeks, also recorded the state's submission that no appointments will be made till the HC gives its verdict on the issue.

The 10 bills had come into force following the 'deemed assent' given by the Supreme Court in the Tamil Nadu governor's case. In May, a Madras HC vacation bench comprising Justices GR Swaminathan and V Lakshminarayan stayed the amendments after hearing a PIL filed by advocate K Venkatachalapathy seeking to declare all the amendments as null and void.

Appearing for the state, senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi in the SC submitted that the statutes had come into force in April 2025 and that, after a month, the writ petition was moved with urgency during the summer vacation. He contended that the procedure adopted by the HC was fundamentally flawed as the stay was granted first and arguments were heard later. He also underscored the strong presumption of constitutionality attached to legislative enactments. Senior Counsel P Wilson, also appearing for the state, argued that the PIL was filed by bypassing the Madurai Bench of the Madras HC, though the petitioner falls within the Madurai Bench's territorial jurisdiction. He submitted that the writ petition was entertained and orders were passed without the state not being given sufficient opportunity to file counter-affidavits or effectively present its case.

"The proceedings were conducted in an unfair manner, including instances where the microphone was switched off while I addressing the court, and that adverse remarks were made without hearing the state fully," Wilson added.

SABARI ROW DISRUPTS HOUSE SESSION AGAIN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

THE Sabarimala gold theft isvsue continued to roil the state assembly on Wednesday, with members from both sides of the aisle crossing swords.

Opposition legislators trooped to the well of the House and protested near the speaker's dais. The alleged assault of watch and ward staff led to noisy scenes, with members trading charges, displaying photographs on the floor, and the UDF eventually boycotting the day's proceedings.

Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan highlighted an earlier remark by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan accusing UDF

members of assaulting watch and ward personnel during a protest on Tuesday. Denying the charge, Satheesan demanded that it be withdrawn. He also questioned the alleged derogatory remarks made by ministers against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra inside the Assembly.

However, Speaker AN Shamseer maintained that a UDF member jabbed a watch and ward staffer with a rod during the protest near the speaker's dais. This assertion triggered further protests from the Opposition benches.

Five ministers targeted Satheesan, accusing him of leading the opposition MLAs' unruly behaviour. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs MB Rajesh accused the Opposition of attempting to justify unruly behaviour in the assembly and defended the government's stance.

Subsequently, UDF members moved towards the well of the House holding up photographs showing Potti with the chief minister and former Devaswom Minister Kadakampally Surendran.

Court grants statutory bail to Potty

Kollam: A vigilance court here on Wednesday granted statutory bail to prime accused Unnikrishnan Potty in the second case of alleged misappropriation of gold from the Dwarapalaka (guardian deity) idols of the Sabarimala temple. Bengaluru-based businessman, Potty, had on January 21 secured statutory bail in the case related to alleged misappropriation of gold from the door frames of temple's Sreekovil (sanctum sanctorum). **PTI**

Vigilance arrests Devaswom official

Pathanamthitta: The VACB has arrested a Devaswom official in connection with the alleged misappropriation of funds during the Sabarimala 'mandala-makaravilakku' festival last year. The case pertains to irregularities in the sale of 'Adiya Sishtam ghee', a sacred offering sold to devotees at the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala. The ghee is sold in packets by the Travancore Devaswom Board during the pilgrimage season. Around Rs 36.24 lakh collected from the sale of the ghee packets last year was not remitted to the Devaswom Board, resulting in financial loss. **PTI**

'Drug menace rising, seizure point in place'

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"WE have stepped up checks and intelligence-based operations, which has led to the detection of more cases. However, the numbers also indicate the growing penetration of drugs into society," an officer said.

Experts, however, said enforcement alone does not fully explain the 63% jump. De-addiction specialists and social workers cited peer pressure and easy access to drugs as key reasons. Synthetic and psychotropic substances, which are easier to transport and conceal, have reportedly seen a notable rise. Urban centres continue to account for a large share of NDPS cases, but rural and semi-urban areas are coming under the grip of the drug trade. Authorities said organised networks are expanding their reach, targeting vulnerable populations, including students and migrant workers.

AIADMK releases second set of poll promises

AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Wednesday released the second set of poll promises, including a hike in monthly social security pensions to Rs 2,000 and waiver of education loans. "Under the social security pension scheme, the monthly assistance provided to senior citizens, widows, destitutes, differently abled persons and transgenders will be raised from Rs 1,200 to Rs 2,000 when AIADMK forms government in the state," Palaniswami, a former TN chief minister, said.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palanisami announces more election promises ahead of 2026 Assembly polls | ASHWIN PRASATH

Vijay should come out in public and only then he will know what is happening in the country. After that incident (Karur) it took 72 days for him to come out. He does not know which party is in alliance

—Edappadi K Palaniswami, AIADMK General Secretary

WELFARE PUSH

- Pension increased from ₹1,200 to ₹2,000 per month for senior citizens, widows, destitute persons, differently-abled & transgenders
- Complete waiver of education loans
- 3 free LPG cylinders per year
- Jallikattu compensation: Rs 10lakh for families of deceased bull-tamers and Rs 2lakh for those injured. Rs 5lakh subsidy to host events at govt-approved venues and online registration for Jallikattu abolished
- Interest-free loans for women from minority communities
- Cooperative bank loans to be fully waived for Differently-Abled

EXPRESS READ

'Revanth's benami firm awarded ₹6K cr projects'

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao alleged that Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was misusing thousands of crores of public money and diverting it to his benami Company. Rama Rao alleged that the company KLSR functions as a front entity for Reddy and presented "documentary evidence". He alleged that despite its insolvency, KLSR secured government projects worth nearly Rs 6,000 crore under the present administration. **ENS**

Young jumbo dies after being hit by train in Kerala

Palakkad: A wild elephant was found dead on a railway track near the Walayar area in the early hours of Wednesday, forest officials said. They said the young adult male elephant died after being hit by a train. Upon learning of the incident, forest and railway officials reached the spot. Trains are operating at limited speeds through this forested area, and investigation is still going on. **PTI**

Sri Lakshmi Multi Speciality Hospital
#127/1, Sri Gandhada Kaval, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 091.

Notice: DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORDS

Inpatient medical records from IP No:01 to **12893** for the period of **2009** to **December 2016** will be destroyed.

Whosoever is interested can contact the Medical Records Department to collect their records within one month from the date of this notification.

Note: Not applicable for Medico Legal Case, Death, Birth and Paediatric Medical Records.

Contact: 95380 99977

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: https://ujvnl.uk.gov.in

Letter No: 98 **Notice Inviting e-Tender** Date: 04/02/2026

Office of the EE (Solar), "Ujjwal", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S Road, UJVN Ltd., Dehradun, invites Online tariff based competitive bid (RfP) of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on BOOT basis under VGF Scheme through PSDF from interested parties. Summary of bid (RFP) document is given below:
Bid Identification Nos.: T-07/EE(Solar)/2025-26
Name of the Work: Setting-up of 16 MW/40 MWh Stand alone Battery Energy Storage System(BESS) near Pathri HEP, District-Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
Date for availability of bid document on the portal: 06-02-2026 from 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date /Time of Receipt of bid on the portal: 05-03-2026 till 16:00 Hrs.
Detail of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancelation etc. may be obtained from the website.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in**
Executive Engineer (Solar)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

IN THE HON'BLE COURT 39th ADDL CITY CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALURU
CCH-40
EX.NO.170 / 2025

BETWEEN:
M/s. Margadarsi Chits (K) Pvt, Ltd., ...DECREE HOLDER
#717, Poorna Shashi Complex, 1st Floor, Modi Hospital Road, 2nd Stage, Basaveswara Nagar, Bangalore-560 086. Represented by its Manager/ Foreman G. Govinda Rao
AND:
Narasimha Rao. A. and others..... JUDGMENT DEBTORS
JUDGMENT DEBTOR Nos 01, 02, 03 AND 04:-
1. **Mr. Narasimha Rao. A** S/o A.Sitaramaiah, No.1311/240/176/B, 1st Floor, Bilekahalli, BSNL Telephone Exchange Road Behind IIM, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru- 560074.
2. **Mr. M. Narasimham** S/o M. Venkataratnam, Vill No.159, RBD Still Waters Silver Courtary Road, Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 068
3. **Mr. M. Varun Tej** S/o M. Narasimham Vill No. 159, RBD Still Waters Silver Courtary Road, Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 068
4. **Mrs. M. Visalakshmi** W/o M. Narasimham Vill No.159, RBD Still Waters Silver Courtary Road, Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 068

Notice to Judgment DEBTORS No. 01, 02, 03 and 04
WHEREAS, the Decree Holder has Instituted the above case against you for execution claim amount of **Rs. 2,66,821/-** with interest @ 24% p.a on Principal amount of **Rs. 1,47,408/-** DRB-1/CFS/93/2023-24 and Court Cost of **Rs. 14,692/-**, You are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material question. on **4th March 2026 at 11.00 a.m** in the forenoon to answer claim. TAKE NOTICE THAT. In Default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit/ petition will be heard and determined in your absence
Given Under my hand and seal of the court on 27th jan 2026
ADVOCATE FOR DHR
ADVOCATE FULL ADDRESS
K. R. DINAKAR. B.A L.L.B.,
No. 66, 4th Cross, Ashok Nagar, Near: N. R. Colony, BENGALURU - 560050.
Mobile No:94485 39699.
By Order of the court,
Senior Sheristedar
Assistant Registar/-
City Civil Court, At Bengaluru

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE-560001.
SC/29/A/1449/2023
Appellant : Mr. Prathibha R, W/o. Late Dinesh Kumar L.V, Aged about 43 years, Residing at: No.320, Flat No.401, 24th Cross, 24th Main, HSR Layout, 2nd Sector, Bangalore-560102.
Respondent : 1. The Authorized Officer/The Senior Manager, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited, The Senior Manager, 1st Floor, JK Towers, No.719/A,-53-2, 46th Cross, Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, 8th Block, Above More Outlet, Bangalore-560082.
2. The Authorized Office, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, Golden Heights, 4th Floor, No. 1/2, 59th C Cross Road, 4th M Block, 59 A Cross Road, Bangalore-560010.
3. The Authorized Officer, Edelweiss Asset, Reconstruction Company Limited, Edelweiss House, Off. at C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098.
To, 03. The Authorized Officer, Edelweiss Asset, Reconstruction Company Limited, Edelweiss House, Off. at C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098.
SUBSTITUTE NOTICE U/S 5 RULE 20 OF CPC, 1908 TO THE RESPONDENT No. 03 IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER "INDIAN EXPRESS" BENGALURU EDITION
Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission, Bangalore 2nd Addl. in Complaint No. 309/2021 Pronounced by an order Dated : 10/03/2023. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal **on 27th Day of February Two Thousand and Twenty Six (27/02/2026) at 10.30 AM.**
Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 05th day of January Two Thousand and Twenty Six (05/01/2026)
By order of the Commission,
Asst. Registrar Cum. Asst. ADMN. Officer,
K.S.C.D.R.C., Bangalore-560001.
Advocate for Appellant

Government Of Odisha
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
SUBARNAREKHA IRRIGATION CIRCLE, LAXMIPOSI
At/PO: -LAXMIPOSI, Dist.: -Mayurbhanj, PIN: -757107
Mail id.acesic24@gmail.com
No.32001/16/2526
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. 04/ 2025-26 of Additional Chief Engineer, SIC, Laxmiposi

1	Name of work	A. Construction of Cross Regulator at RD 44820M of Jambhira Left Main Canal. B. Construction of Cross Regulator at RD 32.000KM of Jambhira Left Main Canal, Subarnarekha Irrigation Project, Laxmiposi.
2	Estimated Cost	A. Rs. 121.04 Lakh B. Rs. 120.95 Lakh
3	Bid Security/ E.M.D.	A. Rs. 1,21,400/- B. Rs. 1,20,950/-
4	Period of Completion	09 (Nine) Calendar Months (for both the work)
5	Class of Contractor	'A' & 'B' Class (for both the work)
6	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	04.02.2026 at 10.00 AM
7	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	19.02.2026 upto 5.00 PM
8	Date of opening of bid	20.02.2026 at 11.00 AM
9	Name & Address of the O.I. T	Additional Chief Engineer, Subarnarekha Irrigation Circle, Laxmiposi

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in".
OIPR-32001/32120/1/25-26/0016
Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer
S.I.C, Laxmiposi

IN THE COURT OF THE PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C. Misc. No. 57/2026
PETITIONERS: Sri. Beerappa v/s
RESPONDENT: The Tahsildar Birth and Death Register, Devanahalli Taluk.
DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION
I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri. Beerappa, S/o late Mallappa, aged about 66 years, R/at: Chikkacheemanahalli Village, Uganavadi Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Mallappa S/o late Bushappa @ Busappa who died on 19.09.2022 at Chikkacheemanahalli Village, Uganavadi Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any 3rd parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Prl. Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and the date hearing on 15.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M in Crl. Mis. No. 57/2026.
By the order of this Hon'ble court
Chief Inisterial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Count Devanahalli
Address for service: **Smt. N.Suvarna,** Advocate, Court Complex, Chinthamani, Mob.No.:9538380145

Government Of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, SOTHERN RANGE MYSURU
Hyder Ali Road, Kittur Rani Chennamma Circle, Jalapuri, Mysuru-570019
Phone: 0821-2421200, 2418604, Email: aaosrmys@gmail.com/igpsrmys@ksp.gov.in

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

Inspector General of Police, Southern Range, Mysuru invited the following tender for Supply & Installation of CCTV & ANPR Camera within the jurisdiction of Mysuru District as under the Police Modernization Scheme 2025-26

SL NO	Tender Number	Approx. Tender value in Rs Crore
01	KSP/2025-26/INDO548	05.00

The Information Pre-bid meeting, last date and time for tender submission and other details can be obtained at e-procurement portal **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** For more information, please contact the above office.
Sd/-
Inspector General of Police,
Sothern Range, Mysuru
DIPR/MYSURU/1603/Shirdi Sai/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office, Devanahalli
No. 333, Matru Arcade, 2nd Floor, 19th Ward, B.B. Road, Devanahalli Town-562110, Bengaluru Rural District.
E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** under rule no. 8 & 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter refferred tp as the rules) for the recovery of the dues details as under: By inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E-auction arranged by the service provider **BAANKNET (M/s. PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com)**

Hoskote Branch : 9948696711, 7276819489, Email : cb0598@canarabank.com
Name of the Borrower/Guarantor (s) : 1) Surendra Murthy .V, S/o. Munivenkatappa, Thilothamma Building, Opp Karaga Devasthana, Kataripalya, Kolar-563101. **2) Nandini .P,** W/o. Surendramurthy V, Thilothamma Building, Opp Karaga Devasthana, Kataripalya, Kolar - 563101. **3) Surendra Murthy V & Nandini .P,** Flat No. 107, VR Pearl Appartment, Nisarga Layout, Hoskote - 562114.
Total Liabilities Outstanding Amount : 21,92,034.86 as on 29.01.2026 with further Interest and Expenses there on.
Details of Immovable Property/IES : Schedule A : Item No 1 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present VP khata No 15030040102575 converted Sl No 151/4 (Converted vide conversion certificate bearing number ALN(HK).SR. 104/2013-14, Dated 10.02.2014 issued by the deputy commisiopner Bangalore district Bangalore) situated at Hoskote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk,Totally measuring 13 ½ guntas with all rights appurtenance whatsoever herunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the : Boundaries As Per Valuation Report/Sale Deed : East :** Site No 117 in Nisarga Hitech Layout, **West :** Property belongs to Nagala Naidu, **North :** Nisarga Hitech Layout, **South :** Nisarga Hitech Layout.
Item No 2 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing of Plot No 117, Khata No 1051, a layout formed out of converted survey No 150/1 in the layout named "Nisarga Hitech Phase 2 Layout, "(converted vide the orders of the deputy commissioner Bangalore Rural District dated 03.10.2009 bearing No ALN(H)SR:77/2009-10) and as per the residential layout plan approved by vide no : HPA/LAO/05/2009-10 Dated 24.09.2010 situated at Kannurahali Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring ((26.09+39.55 mtrs)/2) x 16.46 mtrs totally measuring 540.20 sq mtrs or 5814.89 sq ft with all rights appurtenance whatsoever herunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the : Boundaries As Per Valuation Report/Sale Deed : East :** 80 ft Road, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Site No 118,119,120 & 121, **South :** Site No 116 & 115.
Schedule B : 35.28 sq mtrs or 379.75 sq ft undivided right title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A above.
Schedule C : Flat No. 107, in the First Floor, E-Khata No.150300401000120478, in Block "B" measuring about 124.03 Sq mtrs or 1335 Sq. feets super built up area, containing Three Bed Rooms, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multi-storeyed residential building complex known as "VR PEARL" constructed over schedule "A" property and the above said flat **bounded on : Boundaries As Per Valuation Report/Sale Deed : East :** Open to Sky, **West :** Flat No.108 and Wide Corridor, **North :** Wide Corridor, **South :** Open to Sky.
Known encumbrances, if any : Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
Reseve Price : Rs. 51,32,000/- **EMD : Rs. 5,13,200/-**
EMD Shall be Deposited on or before 12.03.2026, 4.00 p.m.
E-wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly. **Bid Factor : 10,000/-**
Auction Date and Timings : 13.03.2026, 11.00 AM to 1.30 PM
Date & Time of Inspection : 12.03.2026 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
For further details contact Authorized officer, **Canara Bank, Hoskote Branch,** Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural -561203 (Ph.No. 9948696711, 7276819489) OR the service provider **BAANKNET (M/s. PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 8291220220 Email : support.baanknet@psballiance.com)**
Date: 03.02.2026, Place: Hoskote **Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK**

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH
AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE Established by Govt. of Karnataka
(A Postgraduate Institute of Higher Medical Sciences) Recognised Under Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 132/85-86, South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029. e-mail: ihealthchild@yahoo.in Website: www.igich.karnataka.gov.in
IFT No.: IGICH/ADMN/SUP2/5/2026-ADMN-IGICH **DATE: 03.02.2026**
INVITATION FOR TENDERS
RE-TENDER for the **PROCUREMENT OF NEW BUILDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS** invited through GOK e-portal Platform **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by the **Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore -560029** from eligible tenderers for the following mentioned hereunder :-

Sl. No.	DME Indent No:	Equipments	Quantity	E.M.D in Rupees
1	DME/2025-26/ IND2056	40 channel Video EEG with PSG system	1	25000
2		Transplant Instrument set	1	100000
3		Self retraining Retractor	1	50000
4		USG	2	50000
5		Automatic Hand held battery operated sternal saw with sternal closure set	2	5000
6		Flexible Bronchoscopy + endoscope	1	100000
7		Ultra sonic scapel	1	60000
8		Ultra sonic lithotriptes	1	20000
9		Online HDF for Nephro	1	19000
10		PCA	2	4000
11		Infusion pump	5	5000
12		Transport ventilator for Anaesthesia	1	5000
13		syringe pump	10	10000
14		Sweat chloride estimation	1	10000
15		ICU cots	20	120000
16		CBNAAT	1	25000
17		DLCO + LVM system	1	35000
18		Flexible broncho	1	30000
19		Flow cytometer	1	95000
20		Chemopreparation machine	2	10000
21		TEG	1	7500
22		Head light source	3	20000

Tender Processing charges : **As per https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from : **03.02.2026.** Pre-bid Meeting: **06.02.2026 at 12.00 pm at office of the Director, IGICH, Bangalore.** Queries (only for online **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) : Before 07.02.2026, 12.00 pm.** Last date for sale of tender document : **17.02.2026 upto 3.00 pm.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **17.02.2026 upto 4.00 pm.** Last date and time for opening of Cover-1 of Tenders : **18.02.2026 at 4.05 pm.** For further details visit GoK e-portal website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-portal helpdesk on **080-25501216, 080-25501227**
Sd/- DIRECTOR
DIPR/CP/YC/5417/2025-26 **Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173), # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospitals,
J C Road, Bangalore-560002. Ph: 080-2594 3678, 2594 3663, Fax: 080 2594 3664, Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER/S

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following of **1) Sri.Philip Desmond Ward S/o Sri.James Ward 2) Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward S/o Sri.Philip Desmond Ward 3) Smt.J Sushma W/o Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s : 1) Sri.Philip Desmond Ward S/o Sri.James Ward **2) Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward** S/o Sri.Philip Desmond Ward **3) Smt.J Sushma** W/o Sri.Colin Kenneth Ward, **All are residing at :** No. 280, Opp. to Navadeep School, 1st Cross, Gayathri Layout, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036. **And also at : i)** No. 46, Khatha No. 61/5/7/46, Devasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560036. **ii) Sri. Colin Kenneth Ward,** H P Global E-Business Operations Pvt. Ltd., 39, HP Avenue, Electronic City Phase 2, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100. **iii) Smt. J Sushma,** Capgemini India Pvt. Ltd., Crescent 2, Prestige Shantiniketan, Whitefield Main Road, Sadaramanagala, Bangalore-560048. **iv) Smt. J Sushma,** No. 9, Guru Krupa, 1st Floor, Canara Bank Road, Brindavan Extension, Mysore-570020.

Account No : HTL - 62331779566

Demand Notice: 13.01.2026 **NPA Date : 28.11.2023**

Amount outstanding : Rs. 32,25,576.00/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Six only) as on 12.01.2026 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 13.01.2026 at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of house built in Site No.46, ITI Notified Area Khatha No.61/5/7/46, situated at Devasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, ITI Notified Area, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 40 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet with building there on held in the name of "Sri. Philip Desmond Ward S/o. Sri. James Ward" and **bounded on : East by :** House Site No. 45, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** House Site No. 47.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 13.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India**
Place : Bengaluru **SARB Branch, Bengaluru.**

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSAL COMMISSION AT BANGALORE

CC No:134/2025
(DC/AB1/525/CC/134/2025)

BETWEEN: VIVEKANANDAN RAJASEKARAN, AGED AROUND 52 YEARS, S/O R RAJASEKARAN, R/O FLAT NO B007, ADITI ELITE APARTMENT SY NO 128/21, 128/22, 128/23, 128/24 BHOGANAHALLI KADUBEESANAHALLI-DODDAKANNELI ROAD, PANATHUR PO, BANGALORE 560103. ... **COMPLAINANT**

AND: 1. M/s GREEN MEADOWS REALTORS, NO 191, 1st BLOCK, BYRASANDRA, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE 560011, KARNATAKA. **2. MRS. RADHA RS**, W/O DS MANJUNATH REDDY, AGED AROUND 55 YEARS, R/O # 191, 1st BLOCK, BYRASANDRA, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE 560011, KARNATAKA. **3. MR. GE SUJAY**, S/O G Y ESHWAR RAO, AGED AROUND 53 YEARS, R/O #181, 4TH MAIN ROAD, 4TH CROSS, NRUPATHUNGA NAGAR, KOTHANUR MAIN ROAD, BANGALORE 560078. ... **OPPOSITE PARTIES**

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Complainant has instituted a case under Section 35 of the Consumer Protection Act 2019 before this Honorable Court.

WHEREAS it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the above-named Defendant cannot be served with a summons in the ordinary way, hence this notice is hereby issued under Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Take Notice that the Opposite Parties are hereby directed to appear before this Court on **26/02/2026** at **10:30 A.M** before this Honorable Court in person or through an authorized representative to answer the claim made against him/her in the above-mentioned case. Failure to appear on the said date may result in the case being heard and decided ex-parte against the Opposite Parties

Given under the seal and signature of this Honorable Court on this 28/01/2026

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar Cum, Asst. Administrative Officer, Bengaluru Urban, 2nd Addl. District Consumer, Disputes Redressal Commission, Bengaluru-560027

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Anand S/ Bharati Devi A/ No.168 Bhadrachary Compound 1st Cross Gandhi Nagar Kolar-563101/ LBKLR00006151007/ LBKLR00006211603	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No.50B, City Municipal Council No.13 1-512-50B, Old City Municipal Council No.304/361, Old Khatha No.2197, Situated At Petechamanahalli Layout, Ward No.13, Block No.01, 4Th Cross, Kolar City, Measuring East To West 6.096012 Mtrs, North To South 18.288037 Mtrs, Totally Measuring 111.4836 Sq. Metres, With Basement Built Up Area Of 86.957208 Sq. Mtrs And First Floor Of R.C.C. Roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Electrical Light Fittings, Water Facility And Vacant Space And Bounded On: Bounded By: North: Road South: Conservancy Road East: House Of Premkumar West: Property Of V.Sathyanarayana	19.12.2025/ Rs. 49,13,984.41/-	03-11-2025
2.	Anuraj Bhargavan Mani/ Site No.30, Katha No.1185 Ward No.192, Katha No.1865/ 30 New E-Pid No.6676015434 Begur Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore-560068/ LBBNG00007342020/ TBBNG00007340257	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 30, Katha No.1185, Old Property No.604/30, Then Property No.604/1185/30, Presently New Property No.1185/163/1-30, Sl. No. 4062, New Pid No.192-W0600-18/1, Formed In Converted Land Bearing Sy. No.163/1, Vide Conversion Order No.B.Dis.Aln.Sr(S)317/91 92, Dated 13-08-1992, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore, Duly Converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.192, Vide Katha No. 1865/30, New-E-Pid No.6676015434, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 50-0 [Fifty] Feet And North To South: 40-0 [Forty] Feet, Totally Measuring 2000 Square Feet, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances, Whatsoever Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded On The: Bounded By: North: Road. South: Site No.31. East: Road. West: Private Property.	11.12.2025/ Rs. 2,32,38,375.00/-	03-11-2025
3.	Chethan M N(Deceased) Through It'S Legal Heir)/ Bhanu Priya N/ No.180 Ground Floor Gayathri Puramgayathri Puram Mysore 570004/ LBMYS00006215521	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All The Piece And Parcel Of The Plot No. 16, Situated At Mysore City, Najarbad Mohalla Gayathripuram Badavane, 1St Stge, 1St Phase Measuring East To West: 33 Feet, And North To South: 20 Feet And Bounded By: Admeasuring An Area Of - Bounded By: North: Property No.17 South: Property No.15 East: Road West: Property No.45	05.12.2025/ Rs. 13,89,356.51/-	03-06-2025
4.	Jayakumar S(Deceased) Through It'S Legal Heir)/ Shree Pla Private Limited/ No-3, 5Th Cross, 1St Main, Tent Road, Sanjeevini Nagar Mudalapalya Bangalore 560072/ LBBNG00005516827	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Extent 00 12. Guntas Out Of 02-00 Acre Land In New Sy No-154, Situated At Kodigehalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, And Bounded On: : Admeasuring An Area Of - Bounded By: North: Land Belongs To Nitin Kumar, South: Private Property, East: Drainage, West: Road,	29.12.2025/ Rs. 1,71,41,449.42/-	30-04-2025
5.	Keshava Murthy S/ Seetharamaiah/ Besthamanahlli Village & Post Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore-562106/ LBBNG00005159744	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Vacant Property Bearing Site No.9, Town Municipal Katha No. 403/1427/9, Measuring: 9.15*12.20 Meters, (East To West: 30 Feet, North To South: 40 Feet), Including 4.00*9.60 Mtrs . R. C. C. House, Situated At Mallelu Byanna Layout, Ward No.8 Anekal Town, Bangalore District. And Bounded On; Bounded By: North: Anand Rao'S Property South: 21 Feet Municipal Road. East: Site No.10. West: Site No.08.	05.12.2025/ Rs. 32,12,427.14/-	03-10-2025
6.	Nallapareddy Jahnavi/ N Uma/ No.39, 1St Main Road Battarahalli Near A2B Bangalore-560049/ LBBNG00006896355/ TBBNG00006878159	Schedule 'A' Property (Description Of The Entire Property) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.81, (Vide Conversion Order No.Aln.(A.J)Sr/106/2012-13 Dated 19.06.2013 Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) Situated At Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District Measuring 23958 Sq. Feet [0-22 (Twenty Two) Guntas] Now Under The Limits Of Hennagara Village Panchayath Having Khatha/Property No.455/81 And Bounded As Follows: - East By: Road West By: Road North By: Road South By: Private Property Schedule 'B' Property (Undivided Share In The Land) All That Piece And Parcel Of Such Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Land In The Schedule 'A' Property Mentioned Above Which Would Work Out To 268 Square Feet Which Is The Subject Matter Of This Agreement Of Sale. Schedule 'C' Apartment (Flat/Unit/Apartment Hereby Conveyed Under This Sale Deed) All That Piece And Parcel Of 1Bhk Residential Apartment / Unit/Flat Bearing No.S-03, Having E-Khata No.150200103200821583, Property No.455/81/S03, Situated On The Second Floor In All Admeasuring Super Built Area Of 785 Square Feet Of The Residential Apartment Building Called 'Balaji Elite' In The Schedule 'A' Property With The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between Units Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally, Including Common Rights In Respect Of Common Areas And Amenities, With One (1) Covered Car Parking Area, Located In The Basement Floor And The Flat/Apartment/Unit Is Bounded As Follows: - East By: Road West By: Flat No.S4 North By: Flat No.S1 South By: Flat No.S5	17.12.2025/ Rs. 31,60,466.84/-	03-11-2025
7.	Nitin Gupta/ Sarika Gupta/ C/ O Subodh Gupta A-603 Concorde Midway City Sy-20 Basapur Begur Hobli Hosa Road Off Bangalore-560100/ LBBNG00001793934	Schedule 'A' (Description Of The Property) All That Piece And Parcel Of Lands Being Portion Of Survey No.7, Portion Of Survey No.9 And Portion Of Survey No.13, All Situated At Gubbalalla Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, In All Measuring About Nineteen Acres Thirty Guntas, (Made Up Of Nineteen Acres Of Residentially Converted Land And Thirty Guntas Of Non-Agricultural Land In Which A High Tension Power Line Is Running), Comprising Of The Following Items: - Item No.1: All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Being Portion Of Survey No.7, Situated In Gubbalalla Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, In All Measuring Ten Acres Five Guntas, (Made Up Of Nine Acres Twenty-Five Guntas Of Residentially Converted Land And Twenty Guntas Of Non-Agricultural Land In Which High Tension Power Line Is Acres Five Guntas, (Made Up Of Nine Acres Twenty-Five Guntas Of Residentially Converted Land And Twenty Guntas Of Non-Agricultural Land In Which High Tension Power Line Is Running) And Bounded As Follows: - East: Lands In Survey No.9 Described In Item No.2 Below And Survey No.11; West: Remaining Portion Of Survey No.7 Retained By The Vendors; North: Remaining Portion Of Survey No.7; South: Portion Of Survey No.13 Described In Item No.3 Below; Item No.2: All That Piece And Parcel Of Residentially Converted Land Being Portion Of Survey No.9, Situated In Gubbalalla Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, In All Measuring One Acre Thirty-Nine Guntas And Bounded As Follows: -East: Lands In Survey No.10; West: Portion Of Survey No.7, Described In Item No.1 Above; North: Remaining Portion Of Survey No.9; South: Portion Of Survey No.7 Described In Item No.1 Above;Item No.3: All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Being Portion Of Survey No.13, Situated In Gubbalalla Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, In All Measuring Seven Acres Twenty-Six Guntas (Made Up Of Seven Acres Sixteen Guntas Of Residentially Converted Land And Ten Guntas Of Non-Agricultural Land In Which A High Tension Power Line Is Running) And Bounded As Follows: - East: Lands In Survey No.11 And Private Property; West: Commercially Converted Land In Survey No.13 Retained By The Vendors; North: Portion Of Survey No.7, Described In Item No.1; South: Remaining Portion Of Survey No.13 Retained By The Vendors;	02.12.2025/ Rs. 24,59,787.90/-	08-10-2025
8.	Sujata Basavaraj Dhondappanavar/ Basavaraj Dondappanavar/ No.77/ 78 Jyothimaya Nilaya Ground Floor, 15Th Cross 1St Main Near Sumadhura Apartment Vishwapriya Layout Bangalore-560068/ LBBNG00005242607/ LBBNG00005266959	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.5/11 Measuring 1 Acre 31.08 Guntas, (Land Measuring 1 Acre 24.12 Guntas Was Converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes And 0-06.12 Guntas Was Converted From Agricultural To Public-Semipublic Purposes Vide. Official Memorandum Bearing No.Aln(A)(A)Sr/153/16-17 Dated 26/10/2017 Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), Situated At Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, And Bounded On: East By: Land Bearing Sy No.5/12 And Sy.No.5/16; West By: Remaining Portion Of land In Sy.No.5/11 North By: Road; South By: Land Bearing Sy.No.35. Schedule 'B' Property 346 Sq. Ft., Of Undivided Share Of Right, Title And Interest In Schedule 'A' Land. Schedule 'C' Property (Description Of The Apartments Agreed To Be Constructed) All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Apartment No.323. On The Third Floor, Rdpr No.150200100600720306, Property No.180/12/323, Of The Building Known As "Balaji Serenity" Constructed On The Schedule "A" Property Consisting Of Two Bed Rooms, Measuring 788 Sq.Ft Of Super Built Area Along With 1 (One) Covered Car Parking In The Stilt/Basement Floor. The Walls Are Built Out Of Solid Blocks With Vitrified Flooring And Rcc Roofing.	17.12.2025/ Rs. 20,93,538.06/-	03-11-2025
9.	Umesh G/ Gopal Swamy/ No.08 Mahadeshwava Temple Road, Kumbava Koppalu, Metagalli Post Near 1St Bus Stop, Mysore - 570016/ LBMYS00004898192	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Situated At Mysore Taluk, Jayamara Hobli, Jayapura Village, Survey No. 184/3, 3-20 Gunta Land Has Been Allotted For Residential Purpose By The Office Of The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore, And The Said Allotment Was Made On 17-01-2017 Vide Official Memorandum No. Aln(3) Cr.50/2016-17, And Out Of The Plots Developed As Vacant Plots On The Said Land, As Per The Gram Panchayat Records Mentioned In Form-09 And 11A, The Property Unique 152200423082021253, J/2017/18/184/3/47, Property No. 47 And Measuring East-West: 12.20 Meters And North-South: 9.14 Meters, With A Total Area Of 111.51 Square Meters.And Bounded As Follows: Bounded By: North: Plot No. 46 South: Plot No. 48 East: Property No.55, 56 & 57 West: Road	17.12.2025/ Rs. 5,74,821.92/-	03-11-2025
10.	Victor Andrew Cabral/ Avelina Victor Carbal/ Flat No.201 2Nd Floor Amber A Tower "The Greens" Sy No 33, 35/ 3, 35/ 4, 174 Karpur Village Sy No.224, 184/ 5, 189 Bidargere Village Bangalore - 562106/ LBMUM00002105902	Schedule- 'A' (Entire Property) All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Sy Nos. 33, 35/3, 35/4, 174 Of Karpur Village And Survey Number'S 224, 184/5 And 189 Of Bidargere Village, Kasba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Together Measuring 12 Acres 24.08 Gunta, Situated At Karpur Village And Bidaragere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Residentially Converted By The Office Of The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Vide O.M.No. Aln (A& K) Sr 118/2010-11 Dated 23.02.2011, O.M.No. Aln (A& K) Sr 44/2011-12 Dated 30.09.2011, O.M.No. Aln (A& K) Sr 47/2011-12 Dated 30.09.2011, O.M.No. Aln (A& K) Sr 48/2011-12 Dated 30.09.2011 And O.M.No. Aln (A& K) Sr 163/2012-13 Dated 27.11.2012 Respectively Comes Under The Administrative Jurisdiction Of Karpur Gram Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Panchayat Khata No. 293 And Bounded On: East By: Sy No. 190 Of Bidaragere Village And Sy No. 32 Of Karpur Village, West By: Road. North By: Sy No. 28 And 29 Of Karpur Village. South By: Sy Nos. 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, 192 And 193 Of Bidaragere Village. Schedule - 'B' (Property Hereby Agreed To Be Sold To The Purchaser) 31.05 Sq.Mtr. Un-Divided Share, Right, Title And Interest Of Land In The Schedule-A Property Referred To Above. Schedule - 'C' (Description Of The Apartment To Be Constructed) A Two Bedroom Apartment Bearing Flat No. 201 On 2Nd Floor, In Amber Block, In 'A' Tower, Of The Residential Complex Known As "The Greens" To Be Constructed In The Schedule- A Property, Having A Super Built-Up Area Of 76.64 Square Meter, With Open Car Parking No. 201.	02.12.2025/ Rs. 19,33,128.00/-	29-09-2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 05, 2026 Sincerely Authorised Officer,
Place: Bangalore For ICICI Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — Regional Office West

Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram
15th Cross, Bangalore-560055
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed post, to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by Speed post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr.Ayush Gupta (Borrower)S/o Mr.Binay Gupta, S.M Road Raniganj Bardhaman West Bengal-713347 **(1A) Mr.Ayush Gupta** (Borrower)S/o Mr.Binay Gupta, No.159/68, 1st Main Sheshadripuram, West Kumar Park, Bengaluru-560020 **(1B)Mr.Ayush Gupta (Borrower)**s/o Mr.Binay Gupta, flat No-E-303, Third Floor, E Block Aban Desire Apartment S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore Karnataka-562125.

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount In Rs	Liability with Interest as on date 29.01.2026	Rate of Interest
160002206858 Housing Finance	23.02.2024	Rs. 49,00,000.00	Rs. 42,61,901.72	7.30%P.A.+2% penal interest
164004201785 Home Loan Secure	23.02.2024	Rs. 1,71,203.00	Rs. 1,63,210.00	8.10%P.A.+ penal interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.44,25,111.72 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred and Eleven and Seventy Two Paise Only) as on **Date 29.01.2026** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date :24.01.2026 **Demand Notice Dated : 30.01.2026**

Name of the title holder : Mr. Ayush Gupta

Details of Immovable Security Assets :

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property comprising converted land (converted vide Official Memorandum No.ALN-(A)- (HS)-SR-02/2011-12, dated 11-05-2011, Issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), bearing Sy.No.216, situated in S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 2-00 Acres; and bounded on:East by: Narayana Reddy's land in Sy.No.216, West by: Chikka Muni Reddy's land in Sy.No.214, North by: Property bearing Sy.No.215, South by: Road

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:(Description of the un divided interest of land agreed to be conveyed): 545.4 Sft. of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property, which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule - C Apartment unit.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY (Description of the Apartment Unit/Flat agreed to be conveyed): All that piece and parcel of one Flat/Apartment unit, i.e., Flat No.E-303 (2BHK), measuring a super built-up area of 1212 Sft (which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas), comprising a Carpet Area of 848.4 sft situated in Third Floor, in E-Block with one Covered Car Parking Space in the Surface Floor, in the residential apartment building known as" ABAN DESIRE", being constructed on the Schedule-A Property.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 02.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.

KALISINDH THERMAL POWER PROJECT, JHALAWAR (RAJASTHAN)

Online Tender Notice TN-1255(RVU2526GLOB02130)

E-tenders are invited for Supply of APH heating elements and APH seals of 2X600 MW KaTPP, Jhalawar. Tender details are available on websites **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/19096 RVUN/PR-4333 Chief Engineer (KaTPP)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SAHANA. H W/o. Dr. Nikhil R. Bhatt, This is to inform to the General Public that Dr. to Residing at No.1584/1, Lakshmisaraswathi, Seetharamanjaneya Temple Road, Northern Extension, Hassan-573201, intends purchase the schedule property mentioned below from its owner Smt. Sandhya Neelakanta, W/o. Sri. Neelakanta. If any person/s having any claims, charges, objections, attachments, right, title and interest whatsoever over the Schedule Property or portion thereof in any manner whatsoever, may forward their objection/s if any, fully supported by documentary proof/s to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it will deem that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances and proceed for completion of the sale transactions by getting the sale deed registered in favor of **Dr. SAHANA. H W/o. Dr. Nikhil R. Bhatt,** and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of vacant property bearing **Site No.1378**, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated at **3rd Block, 6th Stage of Banashankari Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 9.00 meters, North to South: 6.00 meters, in all measuring 54.00 Square Meters, BDA and Property PID no : 3320030206**

Bounded on; East by : Road, West by : Site No. 1329, North by : Site No. 1379, South by: Site No.1377.

Dr. Sahana H
Mob:9663863186

GOVT. TOOL ROOM & TRAINING CENTRE

Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-560010. Ph: 080-23157189, Fax: 080-23301683, e-Mail:gttc.projects@karnataka.gov.in
Website:https://gttc.karnataka.gov.in

No: GTTC/PROJ/CIVIL-ELE/WORKS/BD-157,158/2025-26 Date: 04.02.2026

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders for the following works have been invited through e-procurement by Government Tool Room and Training Centre.

Sl. No.	Bid No.	Centre Name	Name of Work
1	157	Madhugiri	Establishment of new GTTC Centre at Madhugiri, Tumakuru District.
2	158	Sindhanur	Establishment of new GTTC Centre at Sindhanur, Raichur District.

Tender documents will be available on the e-portal **from 06.02.2026** and Pre-bid meeting is scheduled **on 20.02.2026.** The last date for submission of tender in the e-portal **is 09.03.2026 before 5:30 PM.** For more details, please visit the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the helpline number: +91 9240214000, +91 9240214001.

Sd /-Managing Director

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Smt. Ammu W/o Ashokan V.** No.12, 2nd Cross, Muniswamappa Layout, Near CMA Convention Hall and AGS Gas Bunk, K.G.Halli, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560045. **Guarantors:** **1. Sri Ashokan V. S/o Late Vadivelu** **2. Sri Murugan R. S/o Rajendran** **Both are resident at:** No.12, 2nd Cross, Muniswamappa Layout, Near CMA Convention Hall and AGS Gas Bunk, K.G.Halli, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560045.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.12 registered in PID No.94-315-12, Old Site No.12 of property No.79 in Khata No.987 of Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently situated at Lidkar Colony, Muniswamappa Layout, K.G.Halli, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.23(Old 94), Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 40'-0" Fts and North to South 45'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1800 square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Road, **West by**: Site No.4 and 5, **North by**: Site No.12/1, **South by**: Site No.4.	**31.07.2025**	**03.02.2026**	**A/c No. - EMI-238 Rs.91,65,299/- + With further interest & other charges from 30.07.2025**
2.	**Sri. M. Ravikumar S/o Late Mariyappa.** No.297, 15th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Soundarya Layout, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073 **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. B.V. Padmavathi W/o M. Ravikumar** **2. Sri R. Rakshith S/o M Ravikumar** Both are resident at: No.297, 15th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Soundarya Layout, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.12 registered in PID No.94-315-12, Old Site No.12 of property No.79 in Khata No.987 of Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently situated at Lidkar Colony, Muniswamappa Layout, K.G.Halli, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.23(Old 94), Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 40'-0" Fts and North to South 45'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1800 square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Road, **West by**: Site No.4 and 5, **North by**: Site No.12/1, **South by**: Site No.4.	**24.11.2025**	**03.02.2026**	**A/c No. - EMI-284 Rs.28,71,598/- + With further interest & other charges from 21.11.2025**

Date: 05.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru.**

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punjab national bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB): No.26-27, Raheja Towers, East Wing, 1st Floor, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 25.02.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

Sl. No.	Branch Name, Customer ID A/c Name, A/c No., Dealing official Contact No.	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name(mortgagers of property(ies))	(A) Date of 13 (2) (B) Date of 13(4) (C) Type of Possession (D) Outstanding amount	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	BO: AGS Layout (593500) M/S Elite Corrugaters & M N Gowrishankar A/C - 5935008700000126 , 593500EG00000017& 593500IC00000015 Mob No. :9632588100	All that hypothecated assets (Plant & Machinery) and all the assets created out of Bank finance and maintained in the unit and all that part and piece of the property (Industrial Land & Building) bearing No- 32/B, Sy No- 17/2, 17/3 & 17/4 situated at Avverahalli Industrial Area, Dabasapete 4th Phase, K G Srinivasapura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore- 562111, admeasuring 65338 Sq Ft., Owned by M/S Elite Corrugaters represented by its Prop- Sri M N Gowrishankar. Bounded on: **East By:** KIADB Buffer, **West By:** Plot No- 32/A, **North By:** KIADB 15 Mtr wide Buffer & **South By:** KIADB 30Mtr wide Road No-4. (LEASE HOLD RIGHT, MORTGAGE HAS BEEN CREATED ON THE BASIS OF LEASE CUM SALE AGREEMENT WITH KIADB WITH 10 YEARS OF LEASE PERIOD, SALE DEED IS YET TO BE EXECUTED.) The bidders can bid for Land & Building and Machinery together or Plant & Machinery exclusively. Land & Building will not be sold exclusively.	A) 30.07.2024 B) 01.10.2024 C) Physical D) Rs. 8,50,76,214.45 as on 31-01-2026 plus further interest and other charges	A) Rs. 15,69,40,000/- B) Rs. 1,56,94,000/- C) Rs. 10,00,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and tothe following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website h**ttps://baanknet.com on 25.02.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 5 PM**
4. Platform (https://baanknet.com) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. having its Registered office at Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East. Mumbai-400037.**(Helpdesk Number +918291220220, Email Id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://baanknet.com This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI RULES, 2002

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER**
Date : 05.02.2026 **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)**

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
279	SE / P&A / NCTPS-2	Supply and erection of 2 Nos of 2000 NB Butterfly valves in Unit I II
351	SE / P&A /NCTPS-1	Rails and its Accessories for Movement of Stacker 1 2 1A and 1B Reclaimer 1 2 1A 1B and Wago

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/749/Tender/2026

BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road,
Bengaluru - 560002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

No: BMCRI/D&C/16/2024-25 **Dated: 31-01-2026**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Details
1	BMCRI/D&C/16/ 2024-25, Dated: 05-02-2026	Tenders invited for the Purchase of Consumables & Chemicals to Teaching Hospitals of Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru.

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the Karnataka Public Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website.

1) Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **05-02-2026. 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **09-02-2026. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **09-03-2026 before 5.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Tender Technical Bid: **11-03-2026 at 2.30 PM.**

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute,** Bengaluru.

Sd/- Director cum Dean,
BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/5418/Adverto/2025-26

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PALAKKAD DIVISION

E - TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/02/2026
Dated: 03.02.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Southern Railway / Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Cash Value (₹) in lakhs	Bid Security Amount (₹)	Tender Closing Date on 15.00 hrs	Completion Period in Months
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Palakkad Division - Underwater Inspection (Detailed Using RORV & Swim by) of substructure of different major Bridges for the year 2024-25 (Details of bridges as per annexure).	37.75	75,500/-	25.02.2026	Four Months

1. All the contracts on Works / goods / services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time.
2. Contractors / Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.07.2017 onwards.
3. For complete details of the above tenders please visit Website **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Palakkad

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **07.08.2025** calling upon the **(1) M/s.Sri Banashankari Enterprises,** Represented By Proprietor Mr D. Dilip Kumar, 2nd Cross No 654, Near Dena Bank, Vasanthpura Main Road, Sharadanagar, Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560061. **(2) Mr D. Dilip Kumar,** S/o Mr A.c. Dunde Gowda, No. 654 2nd Cross, Vasanthapura Main Road, Sharadhanagar, Near Dva Public School, Vasanthapura, Bangalore - 560061. **(Borrower/Applicant)** to repay the amount **Rs. 10,27,552/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the loan account no's **921030049611961.** being the amount due as on **07.08.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **04th day of February 2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD Rs. 10,27,552/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Only)** being the amount due as on **07.08.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

SCHEDULE : Description of the property belongs to **Mr D. Dilip Kumar**

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Property/Site bearing No.2B, Property ID No.152900200401920955 VP Khatha no.31/9/28 measuring 33X40ft, totally measuring 1320sq.ft, situated at: Hosakote Village, Harihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District and bounded by: East by : Halla, West by : Site No.2A, North by : Site No.01, South by : Road. Measuring East to west 33ft North to south 40ft totally measuring 1320Sq.ft., along with building constructed thereon.

For any clarification, please contact Mr. Prakash K Mobile No. 9986316545

Date : 04.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Yediyuru Division,
4th Cross, Jayanagara 7th Block, Bengaluru-560070.

No:EE(YDR)/TEND/03/2025-26 **Date: 04-02-2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER TENDER DOCUMENT SYSTEM)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Yediyuru Division, BWCC, invites standard tender documents KW-4 on behalf of the Commissioner, BWCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with PWD/CPWD or any state Governmental Organization for the execution of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the Work
1.	Additional Development Improvements to Auditorium (Aa.na.Kru Samudhaya Bhavana) in Yediyuru Ward No-167. **Approximate Value of Work: ₹.242.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.6,63,000/-**
2.	Additional Improvements Works to Skating Rink (Subhash Chandra Bose Skating Academy) in Yediyuru Ward No-167. **Approximate Value of Work: ₹.242.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.6,63,000/-**
2.	Improvements to Parks (Ranadheera Kanteerava Park, Dhanavanthri Park, Chandavalli Thota) in Ward No-167. **Approximate Value of Work: ₹.83.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,66,000/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the KPP portal from **06-02-2026** at **4:30** pm onwards (2) Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents on **27-02-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **16-02-2026** at **4:00** pm in the office of Chief Engineer Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC, Palike Soudha Building, 1st Floor, 14th Cross, Chandra Layout Bengaluru-560072. (4) Opening of Technical Document on **28-02-2026** at **4:30** pm. (5) Financial opening date will be intimated through KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Yediyuru Division, BWCC

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: Tele_CCTV_15stns_SBC
Dated : 28-01-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work

Item of work	Approx. Value
South Western Railway - Bengaluru Division - Provision of CCTV at Goods shed of Dharmapuri, Hosur, Heelalige, Devarapalli, Bidadi, Nidvanda, Nelamangala, Bangarapet, Devangonthi, Maddur, Mandya, Settihalli, Dodballapur, Kyatsandra Depot and Penukonda station (Total 15 station) over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 2,50,37,170.26

Last date for submission of bids :
Upto 12:00 Hrs. on 19-02-2026

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Bengaluru

PUB/862/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

Download the UTS Mobile App from Google Play Store for ease of booking of unreserved tickets

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Haveri.

Email: eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel No. 08375-232454

This office letter No.40 /EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2&3/Tender/ 2025-26/6497 Dated : 31-01-2026

E-Tender Notification

On **31-01-2026** through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Tender Notification has been issued for the following work Indent No. **19834/Call-2 IIA 20592/ Call-2 ST 23320 I, 23578 SC** ಮತ್ತು **23803 IIA (1st and 2nd Call)** Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated : **09-02-2026** (up to 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit **http://www.kppp.karnatak.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Haveri.

DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/681/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Sri. Vivek Raina
Mobile No: +91-8197025366
Landline No. (Office): 080-25943678
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH,
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, OPP: Trustwell Hospital, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002.
Contact: CCO. Sri. Dayanand M Nagashetty, Mob: 9008844891.
Tel:080-2594-3678/3663. Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

Appendix: IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **26.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 1,28,93,786.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Eight Lakh Ninety three Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six Only)** as on 03.02.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 04.02.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the **Borrower Mr. Ravish Ranjan S/o Shri Avdesh Sharma,**

The reserve price, Earnest Money Deposit, Bid Increment Amount will be as under: -

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	EMD - Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Time & date of e Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Flat No. C-003, 3BHK, SBA 1482 Sq Ft G F "LINEA SUNFLOWER"	Rs. 82,26,000/-	Rs. 8,22,600/-	Rs.50,000/-	10:00 am to 4.00 pm on 26.02.2026	25.02.2026 up to 4.00 PM

SECURED INTEREST

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Immovable asset)	Reserve Price (Rs.)
Tender No. : **SBI/SARB/2025-26/184** Property ID: **SBIN 200050618207** Name of the Title Deed Holder: **Mr. Ravish Ranjan S/o Shri Avdesh Sharma** **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that place and parcel of residential converted land bearing Sy.No.115/4 (Conversion Order No. BDis:ALN(S)SR(KT)233/2004-05 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, dated 03.03.2005), in all measuring 1 Acre & 20guntas, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, vide BBMP Khatha No.4857/115/4, Ward No.198-Hemmigepura, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the **East by:** Yelamma Temple and Vidyapeetha land, **West by:** Road, & Maramma Temple land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner, **North by:** Buddanna's land, **South by:** KR. Timmaiah's land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** Flat No. C 003 in Ground Floor in the Apartment building known as **"LINEA SUNFLOWER"** having a super built up area of 1482 Sq.ft., and containing 3 Bedroom along with an exclusive right to use terrace area of 129 Sq.ft., attached to the flat along with One Exclusive right of use of Covered Car park bearing No. C-003 (super built up area includes the proportionate share in the common area such as passages, lobbies. lifts, staircase and other areas of common use). **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the undivided share of 729.00 Sq.ft, in the "A Schedule Property	82,26,000.00

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, JC Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s. Inicio Advisory and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, Representative: Sri Vijay Durgai Mobile No. 9663903911**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, https://baanknet.com.** and **www.sbi.co.in.**

NOTE: Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha and Property Tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Date: 03.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED (PFL)

Piramal Finance

Registered Office Address : Registered Office Address: Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park , Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai-400 070.
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639 , Web Side:- www.piramalfinance.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Finance Limited (PFL) (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **PFL**, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to **PFL** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. HLSA0005CCD2 of Bangalore Branch) Paresh Borah (Borrower) Nijumoni Hazarika (Co Borrower 1) Borsons Facility Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Co Borrower 2)	Dt : 16-01-2026 / ₹ 7732046 /-(₹ Seventy Seven lakh Thirty Two Thousand Forty Six Only) NPA (03-01-2026)	**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.21, Converted Sy. No.226, measuring 1 Acre out of 2 Acres, situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, vide Conversion Order No.A.L.N. S.R. 34/84-85, Dated 28-05-1984, Passed by Tahsildar, Hostoke, measuring East to West (28.9+ 43.5)/2 feet and North to South; (26.1+33.6)/2 feet, in all total measuring 1079 Sq. Ft.and bounded on; East by: Site No.26, West by: Road, North by: Private Property in Sy. No.225, South by: Site No.20. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.26, Converted Sy. No.226, measuring 1 Acre out of 2 Acres, situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, vide Conversion Order No.A.L.N. S.R. 34/84-85, Dated 28-05-1984, Passed by Tahsildar, Hostoke, measuring East to West (46.2+ 40)/2 feet and North to South; (21.5+26.1)/2 feet, in all total measuring 1025.78 Sq. Ft.and bounded on; East by: Site No.26, West by: Road, North by: Private Property in Sy. No.225, South by: Site No.20.
(LC No. HLSA000651CB of Bangalore Branch) M Gowda (Borrower) Munegowda R (Co Borrower 1) H G Rajani (Co Borrower 2)	Dt : 16-01-2026 / ₹ 23719803 /-(₹ Two Crore Thirty Seven lakh Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only) NPA (03-01-2026)	**Item No.1,** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.002, 2BHK building known as "Raja Melrose-One" having a super built up area 1194sqft, with 586sqft of undivided land share, with one covered car parking No.2 in the Ground Floor constructed on Bearing Old Site Nos.34,35,36, BBMP Khatha No.115/1/34, Sy. No.16/1, Situated at Chikka Bommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 90ft, North to South: 40ft, in all measuring 3600sqft., and bounded on the: East by Private Property, West by Flat No.001, North by Open Space, thereafter to Raja Melrose Two, South by Road, **Item No.2,** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.102, Duplex 4BHK in Second Floor building known as "Raja Melrose-One" having a super built up area 2388sqft, with 1173sqft of undivided land share, with one covered car parking No.3 & 4 in the Ground Floor constructed on Bearing Old Site Nos.34,35,36, BBMP Khatha No.115/1/34, Sy. No.16/1, Situated at Chikka Bommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 90ft, North to South: 40ft, in all measuring 3600sqft., and bounded on the: East by Flat No.101, West by Private Property, North by Open Space thereafter to Raja Melrose Two, South by Road, Item No.3, All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.101, 2BHK building known as "Raja Melrose-One" having a super built up area 1248sqft, with 615sqft of undivided land share, with one covered car parking No.6 in the Ground Floor constructed on Bearing Old Site Nos.34,35,36, BBMP Khatha No.115/1/34, Sy. No.16/1, Situated at Chikka Bommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 90ft, North to South: 40ft, in all measuring 3600sqft., and bounded on the: East by Flat No.102, West by Road, North by Open Space thereafter to Raja Melrose Two, South by Road.
(LC No. 21500042708 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) K Rajendra (Borrower) K. M. Maheshwari (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 16-01-2026 / ₹ 2608080 /-(₹ Twenty Six lakh Eight Thousand Eighty Only) NPA (09-12-2025)	All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Edge Site No.2460/C, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, having PID. No.55-356-2460/C, Measuring East to West 12.50 Meters, and North South 00+10.0/2 Meters., In all totally measuring 62.50 Square Meters., with constructed a 24 Square R.C.C. roofed Ground, First and Second Floor with all civic amenties house.
(LC No. 21500043997 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) White Horse Man Power Consultency Private Limited (Borrower) Sabha Banu (Co Borrower 1) Mohammed Bakshu Ahmed (Co Borrower 2)	Dt : 16-01-2026 / ₹ 9308235.94 /-(₹ Ninety Three lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five Only and Ninety Four Paise) NPA (09-12-2025)	All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Old No. 25, Earlier No. 35, Situated at Mysore Road Cross, 5th Cross, Bangalore, Presently BBMP ward No. 140/Chamarajpet, property No. 20, Mysore Road Cross, Bangalore-560018, PID No. 46-34-20, and totally measuring 1040 Sq.ft. , together with 1850Sq.ft. (Ground Floor about 1000Square Feet, First Floor about 850Sq.ft.) of RCC Roofing House, Virified Tiles Flooring, Doors and windows made out of Wood,with all amenities like water, Sanitary, Electricity etc.
(LC No. HLSA00009654 of Bangalore Branch) Muzamill Sharif (Borrower) Umesa Sultana (Co Borrower 1)	Dt : 24-01-2026 / ₹ 5380894 /-(₹ Fifty Three lakh Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Four Only) NPA (03-01-2026)	**Schedule 'A' Property :** All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Being Municipal New No.31 (Old No.166/202) earlier 68/1, having PID No.56-166-32, Situated at Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Now Known as Pipeline Road, Jaraganahalli, Bangalore Within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.56, Ganesh Mandir, Totally measuring 28946 Sq.Ft. Bounded of the : East By : Pipe Line and Road West By : ROad North by : Private Property South by : Private Property **Scheduel 'B' Property :** All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Flat / Apartment No.TF-305, in Third Floor, East Facing, "B" Block, having 1525 Sq.ft of Super Built up area containing Three Bedroom, Together with exclusive right to useone covered car parking and proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, lifts and staircase, together with all amenities contained in the Apartment building constructed on the Schedue "A" Property Knwon as " Sreevari Ganga Homes"

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **PFL** as aforesaid, **PFL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **PFL**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

DATE : 05.02.2026 **SD/- (AUTHORISED OFFICER),**
PLACE : BANGALORE-KARNATAKA **PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED**

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank

ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ Syndicate
(ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)

BRANCH: YADAVANAHALLI
ATTIBELE HOBLI,
BANGALORE PIN-562107

GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Whereas the authorized officer of **CANARA BANK, Yadavanahalli Branch** issued Sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by them. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned will conduct auction of the gold ornaments strictly on **"As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis".** The auction will be conducted ONLINE **www.gerpegov.com/canarabank** on **20.02.2026, Timeings 10.30 A.M to 3.00 P.M.**

Name of the Borrower & Branch	Account Number	Gross weight (in gms)	Net weight (in gms)	Date of Inspection & EMD	A/C Status
S.D. Rahima Bee Yadavanahalli Branch	164011120574	4.7	4.2	19–02–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND

Please contact/visit Branch for further information Ph No.9449862035.

Date : 05-02-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Yadavanahalli **Canara Bank**

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ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ Syndicate
(ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)

BRANCH: ULSOOR
CAMBRIDGE LAYOUT,
BANGALORE PIN-560008

GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Whereas the authorized officer of **CANARA BANK, ULSOOR Branch** issued Sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by them. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned will conduct auction of the gold ornaments strictly on **"As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis".** The auction will be conducted ONLINE **www.gerpegov.com/canarabank** on **20.02.2026, Timeings 10.30 A.M to 3.00 P.M.**

Name of the Borrower & Branch	Account Number	Gross weight (in gms)	Net weight (in gms)	Date of Inspection & EMD	A/C Status
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	164032860511	30.20	26.50	19–02–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	164033171590	32.90	27.00	19–02–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND
Kala, Ulsoor Branch	180227345564	22.60	19.00	19–02–2026 Rs.25,000/-	SUB STND

Please contact/visit Branch for further information Ph No.8025555990, 9483530791.

Date : 05-02-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Ulsoor **Canara Bank**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

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EDITORIAL

"Protectionism arises in ingenious ways. When free-trade advocates squelch it in one place, it pops up in another" — Jagdish Bhagwati

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— Ramnath Goenka

EXECUTION WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF INDIA-U.S. TRADE TRUCE

THE announcement of an India-US trade deal and a sharp cut in American tariffs has delivered a timely boost to markets and exporters. After nearly a year of bruising trade tensions that pushed bilateral ties to their weakest point in two decades, the political signal to reset economic relations is significant. For India, the US remains its largest export destination, making a prolonged confrontation costly. While diversification is both necessary and desirable, shifting export dependence away from the US at scale is a long-term endeavour, not a viable near-term alternative to stabilising trade flows.

Against this backdrop, President Donald Trump's declaration on social media that tariffs on Indian goods would be cut from 50 percent to 18 percent assumes importance. The earlier level was among the highest imposed by the US on any major trading partner, and its rollback can offer immediate relief to labour-intensive sectors that have been under severe pressure. Textile, leather, footwear and engineering goods companies have already responded positively.

At the same time, the unconventional mode of announcement and the absence of detailed documentation leave important questions unanswered. While sharing details from the Indian side, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal was deliberately cautious, signalling that discussions are in the "final stages" and specifics would be shared soon. This contrast need not reflect disagreement, but may simply point to differing negotiating styles.

Clarity is essential on both the structure of the deal and India's energy commitments. Claims that India will halt Russian oil imports and pivot to American and Venezuelan crude remain unconfirmed. With Russian oil accounting for a substantial share of India's imports, and alternatives posing cost, logistics and refining challenges, any shift would have to be gradual and pragmatic. Russia is also India's most reliable veto-holder at the UN; unsettling Moscow would carry diplomatic costs that cannot be ignored.

Equally important is reciprocity. While the government has assured protection for sensitive agricultural and dairy sectors, details on tariff concessions, investment pledges and purchase commitments are still awaited. Such caution is justified. Trade agreements of this scale require precision and balance, not haste. Seen in this perspective, the deal offers a constructive pause after a difficult phase. Combined with the India-EU trade pact and targeted support announced in the Union Budget, lower US tariffs could improve India's competitiveness and help anchor a more stable trade framework that balances economic gains with strategic autonomy.

BOTTOM-UP EFFORT, IRON WILL KEY TO CURB PLASTICS

A study published in *Lancet Planetary Health* has warned of plastic pollution's effects doubling by 2040. India, the world's most populated country, has been estimated to contribute about 20 percent of global plastic emissions. This can increase the country's health burden, worsen aquatic contamination, contribute to climate change and damage terrestrial ecosystems.

While India annually generates about 93 lakh tonnes of plastic waste, the biggest culprits in the emission trail have been primary plastic producers, unmanaged waste, poor collection segregation and disposal, open burning and widespread lack of awareness. Of the bulk plastic waste, about 58 lakh tonnes are burned and the rest re-enters the environment as waste, causing extensive land and water pollution. It is estimated that half of this consists of single-use plastics—packaging, water bottles and sachets—while only about 12 percent is recycled and 70 percent dumped in landfills or is strewn around. About 80 percent of marine pollution is caused by plastic, which releases toxic chemicals like bisphenol A and antimony. It breaks down into microplastics, entering the food chain, soil and water, reducing soil fertility, inhibiting plant growth and affecting the crucial process of photosynthesis.

Plastic severely impacts human health throughout its lifecycle, causing diseases, developmental issues and chronic conditions due to toxic exposure. Accumulation of chemicals like bisphenol A, phthalates and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the human body through ingestion or inhalation is linked to cancers, infertility, diabetes, immune suppression and cardiovascular diseases. India's disease burden linked to plastic-associated chemicals in 2025 alone was estimated at a staggering ₹25,000 crore in terms of healthcare expenses, productivity loss and premature deaths.

This calls for urgent attention from the central and state governments in mitigating the threat and minimising its impact on the country's environment and public health. India's Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 was amended seven times to tighten the regulations curbing plastic pollution. The India Plastics Pact of 2021, anchored by the Confederation of Indian Industry, aimed at creating a circular economy for plastics, eliminating unnecessary use, promoting reusability and recyclability, and strengthening waste management. But widespread lack of public awareness has blunted the efforts. India needs a bottom-up effort to ensure that the country's future is not compromised by this growing scourge.

QUICK TAKE

A CASE AGAINST AI

IT'S not just lazy students who are taking ill-advised shortcuts that artificial intelligence tools offer. This week, a district court judge in the US state of Kansas sanctioned and fined five attorneys for citing fabricated cases, quoting non-existent jurisprudence and misstating laws using AI for a filing. For an extra helping of irony, the lawyers were appealing against an alleged patent infringement. Lead drafter Sandeep Seth offered the excuse of a family medical emergency for using ChatGPT. Filing documents without reasonable investigation into their legal validity is considered a professional misconduct in India, too. While the Supreme Court has been rightly leading the effort to bring Indian judiciary into the digital age, like universities, it might want to institute clear procedures to screen for inadmissible AI-generated content.

It's essential to understand why the 16th Finance Commission's devolution formula does not help the southern states. All states must strive to report their economic data more precisely

HOW TO EVALUATE THE OMISSIONS OF THE COMMISSION

S CHANDRASEKHAR
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THE sharing of the divisible pool of taxes between the Union government and states is a zero-sum game—if the Union gets even a bit more, the states would get that much less; within the states' share, if one gets more, others would get less. Hence the formula for the sharing or devolution is extremely consequential.

Every five years, the Union Finance Commission (FC), a constitutionally mandated body, decides how this pool, which includes the income tax we pay, is divided. The 16th FC, whose report was tabled in Parliament along with the Union Budget, has decided that for the period 2026-31, the states will get 41 percent—the same as what the 15th FC recommended and slightly lower than the 14th FC's 42 percent, which had raised the states' share substantially from 32 percent.

The question is how this 41 percent will be distributed between the states. Given the contentious stakes, every state advocates its own formula for determination of the share. Let's see who the latest Union FC's formula helps more.

One important criterion used by successive FCs to arrive at the states' individual shares is income distance. This ensures that the richer states get smaller shares of the pie. Understandably, the states that had a higher per-capita income were of the view that, as engines of growth for the Indian economy, they deserve a larger portion.

The 16th FC reduced the weight given to the income distance from 45 percent awarded by the 15th FC to 42.5 percent. It also reduced the weight given to the area of the state from 15 percent to 10 percent, but increased the weight given to the population from 15 percent to 17.5 percent. Other than the increase in the population weight, the other two changes would work in favour of most southern states (except Karnataka), since they are smaller.

A higher weight to population benefits the likes Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, whereas a lower weight to area does not help Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. For Maharashtra, as long as the population and area are given an adequate weight, it works in its favour. The combined weight for population and area was 30 percent in the index developed by 15th FC, while it's given 27.5 percent by the 16th FC. Forest cover was given a weight of 10 percent by both the 15th and 16th FCs.

SOURAV ROY

Apart from the adjustments, the 16th FC should be commended for introducing a new criterion—contribution to the national GDP, with a weight of 10 percent—that nine states had argued for. This should have worked to the benefit of all the richer states, but even then it was not enough to get all of them back to their earlier shares based on the 14th FC's criteria.

In order to understand the winners and losers, it is best to examine the inter se shares of the states based on the formula used by 14th, 15th and 16th FCs. The states whose shares have increased steadily are Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram. And because of how the indicators were chosen and the weights assigned, the biggest gainers in this lot are Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The two states whose shares declined across the last three FCs are Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. While the share of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana increased between the 15th and 16th FCs, their shares this time are lower than what they got from the 14th FC. The state that gained just a little between the 14th and 16th FC was Tamil Nadu—from 4.023 in the 14th, to 4.079 in the 15th, and 4.097 percent in the latest.

The commission's decision to include contribution to India's GDP as a criterion did not benefit the richer states, in particular the southern ones, to the extent it should have. This is because of the way the contribution was calculated. Suppose there are only four states and their contributions to the GDP are, say, ₹100, ₹81, ₹64 and ₹49. This means that their shares would be 34, 27, 22 and 17 percent, respectively.

But what the commission did was to calculate the shares based on the square root of their contributions—at ₹10, ₹9, ₹8 and ₹7 in our example. This means that the states' shares are 29, 26, 24 and 21 percent. Notice how the share of the top contributor declines while that of the lowest rank state rises. This is acknowledged by the commission in its report. The case of the southern states and the minuscule increase especially for Tamil Nadu would have been discussed at the FC's deliberations.

Given that contribution to GDP is now a criterion, it's important that we estimate the gross state domestic product (GSDP) of each state accurately. Now, it's well known in the policy circles that the departments of economics and statistics across states have limited capacity—it's the Achilles' heel of the states' statistical edifice. All eyes are trained on the forthcoming release of the revised GDP numbers after the revision of the base year. A similar attention needs to be paid to the GSDP series of the states.

The Committee for Sub-National Accounts chaired by Ravindra Dholakia, which submitted its report in March 2020, had specific recommendations for strengthening the state economics and statistics departments so that a bottom-up approach could be followed for calculating GDP—from state aggregates to the national aggregate.

One constraint each FC faces is that the indicators it chooses need to be available for all states and be acceptable to all states. On most verifiable indicators, for all states, Maharashtra and Gujarat are generally not at a disadvantage. The proof is in the pudding. Maharashtra's share increased from 5.521 percent in the 14th FC to 6.441 in the 16th, while that of Gujarat increased from 3.084 percent to 3.755 percent.

With a nod to generations of work on state statistics and with the tongue firmly in cheek, it can be said that while 'lady luck' smiles on Maharashtra and Gujarat given the combination of their size and the devolution formula, the southern states continue to face 'dumb luck'. In a way, that's an apt summary of this zero-sum game of immense significance that plays out every five years.

(Views are personal)
With inputs from Anushka Nagar, research scholar at IGIDR

MANY MORE STEPS NEEDED TO ENSURE MENSTRUAL RIGHTS

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."
— Robert Frost

THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN
MP from South Chennai and member of the Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth & Sports

WHEN the Supreme Court declared menstrual health a fundamental right and directed free sanitary provisions in schools, it did something more than correcting a long injustice. It issued us a moral summons. For too long, menstruation has been treated as a private embarrassment, a matter of cleanliness or charity rather than a constitutional question of dignity, bodily autonomy and equal opportunity under Article 21 of the Constitution. That legal recognition is historic. Now the real test shall truly begin—turning a judgement into changed lives.

Across India, menstruation touches the lives of hundreds of millions. As I had set out in my Private Member's Bill to amend the National Menstrual Hygiene Policy, a submission grounded in public-health evidence and lived experience, India is home to over 393 million menstruators, and the policy framework must respond to that scale with rights. The Bill insisted on what the court's ruling implies: menstrual health is structural, systemic and intersectional.

What does that mean in practice? Firstly, the supply is inadequate. Free sanitary pads in schools are essential and welcome, but access must be expanded to reusable, low-waste options and to supply chains that make them affordable and dignified. My Bill called explicitly for support to enterprises producing sustainable menstrual products and for incentives to scale up these markets so that choices are available to all communities, urban and rural alike.

Secondly, menstrual health cannot be siloed in sanitation. It belongs in health systems, in education, in labour policy and in disaster planning. The Bill promotes cross-ministerial collaboration between labour, health and education. So that the implementation is planned, monitored and accountable across departments.

It also aims to mandate that reproductive and menstrual healthcare be comprehensive, including diagnosis and treatment of disorders often ignored. This includes awareness about polycystic ovary syndrome, endometriosis, and other conditions that leave millions untreated and in pain.

Third, we must make education humane and early. Too many girls learn about menstruation at menarche, startled and shamed; boys are largely left out of this education. My Bill proposed menstrual education from ages seven to eight, and communication strategies that normalise menstruation while challenging stigma, because information shapes dignity and behaviour long before policies arrive in adulthood.

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After the Supreme Court's recognition of menstrual health as a right, Parliament must translate the mandate into enforceable entitlements by strengthening the draft National Menstrual Hygiene Policy. It cannot be only about sanitation. Education strategies normalising menstruation must challenge the stigma. Products including reusable options must be made available. Targeted health services must be funded adequately

Fourth, inclusivity must be explicit. Menstruators are not a single demographic group: sanitation workers, persons with disabilities, transgenders and non-binary people, menopausal workers, each has distinct needs. The Bill asked that monitoring and evaluation include lived-experience data disaggregated by disability, gender identity, caste and age, and that disability and transled organisations be funded as partners. This prevents programmes that help some while excluding others.

Finally, we must stop pretending that messaging is merely promotional. The Bill recommended removing formal and informal censorship of menstrual health content, and strengthening culturally-sensitive media campaigns that dismantle shame rather than sell products. In crises such as heat waves, water shortages and floods, menstrual needs must be part of emergency planning.

I say this not as an ideologue, but as a legislator who has watched how piecemeal interventions fracture into tokenism. In my writing on campus care, I warned against sentimental solutions that off-load labour onto women and family structures; we must learn the same lesson here. Do not mother this problem away with charity alone. Menstrual health requires public systems, trained professionals and legal entitlements that citizens can claim, not charity they must beg for.

The court's judgement is a mandate. However, Parliament must translate it into enforceable entitlements: guaranteed products including reusable options, funded health services for menstrual disorders, inclusive sanitary infrastructure, mandatory curriculum changes and cross-departmental accountability.

My Bill offers concrete language to strengthen the draft National Menstrual Hygiene Policy, anchoring it in dignity, equity and constitutional rights, and I stand ready to work across benches to make the judgement meaningful for every menstruator in India.

Legal recognition without systemic delivery could perhaps translate solely into consolation. Let us make this ruling the first chapter of a longer story: one where menstruation is met with dignity, where pain is treated, where education is honest, and where the State honours its duty to protect the bodily autonomy of its citizens. That is the promise we must keep.

(Views are personal)

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Medicine collaboration

Ref: *Title isn't exclusive* (Feb 4). The order is perspicacious. Claiming exclusive rights is irrational and shows doctors' supercilious attitude. A patient's recovery can be a complex, multidimensional process with inputs from several professionals. It's also pertinent to note that in the last 30 years, the number of Nobel laureates in physiology or medicine has dropped as a share of the annual total, highlighting the significance of inclusion and collaboration.
Dr Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Moral decay

Ref: *The moral void* (Feb 4). Even Pandora's box may look lilliputian before the Epstein files, considering the extent and unexpectedness of the specimens brought to light. The columnist rightly points out Chomsky's unethical stand that reveals the enormity of moral depredations.
A Raveendranath, Pathanamthitta

PF architecture

Ref: *Small window* (Feb 4). Easy provident fund withdrawals reflect insecurity, not indiscipline. A narrow, wage-linked scheme excludes many needing protection. Expanding coverage, separating subsidy from eligibility and using digital trails can build a fair, sustainable pension system.
M Barathi, Bengaluru

Unreliable US

Ref: *Joint statement soon* (Feb 4). It's crucial not to count the chickens before they hatch, given the infamous blow-hot-and-cold nature of Uncle Sam. The deal seems to be tilted in the favour of the US and if Trump's claim indeed holds water, it will dent India's relationship with Russia. It is hence imperative to err on the side of caution and to work on self-reliance.
Aanya Singhal, Noida

Parliament ruckus

Ref: *LS suspends MPs* (Feb 4). Resorting to disruption in the august House has become the order of the day. Lawmakers need to ponder over allowing the House to function smoothly. The treasury and opposition benches have to work in tandem for Parliament to function smoothly.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

Data protection

Ref: *Can't play with Indians' data* (Feb 4). There is no gainsaying that the world has shrunk because of the facilities offered by WhatsApp and other tech. But it is imperative that the platforms always safeguard the interests of consumers.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Gaurav Gogoi @GauravGogoiAsm
It is plain to see Himanta Biswa Sarma has got scared by our press conference today. Soon the details of his corruption and wealth will be made public in every village of Assam.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Those hailing it (trade deal)as a triumph of the BJP government's clout are in fact feeling the squeeze themselves. Their tongues are tied, and so are their necks.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
When Rahul Gandhi speaks, the room breaks into laughter, sometimes openly, sometimes awkwardly, and not just opponents, but his own party people too.

Cong chief says flood of American agriculture products will hurt interests of farmers ● BJP leader says US agreement is historic, will benefit economy immensely

Why Trump declaring the deal, asks Kharge

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday questioned the manner in which an Indo-US trade deal was announced by the United States and not by the Indian government. Speaking during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha, Kharge said it was an insult to Parliament that members learnt about the deal from US President Donald Trump.

"JP Nadda saab does not know; Bhupendra Yadav saab does not know about the deal. Trump is telling us from the US how this country should be run," Kharge said. He alleged that the agreement would hurt Indian farmers and accused the government of trying to destroy the country's agriculture sector. Citing US Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, Kharge said, "The new US-India deal will export more farm products to India's massive markets, lifting prices and pumping cash into rural America... Meaning American farmers will benefit." He added, "Our farmers are being destroyed. Tell us, are you working for the welfare of farmers, or are you against the farmers?"

Kharge claimed that American imports would come to India at zero tariff, while Indian exports to the US would face an 18% tariff. He said this showed an unequal agreement that would damage domestic producers.

The Congress president also accused the government of undermining the Constitution. "After independence, we had two big targets before us: establishing a social system based on equal justice and making this country a parliamentary democracy. You have run bulldozers on both in 11 years," he said. "In your thinking, the Constitution is below, and the Manusmriti is above."

Earlier, Kharge took to X to question whether India had compromised under US "pressure" in the proposed trade deal. He said PM's tweet only thanked the US President for reducing tariffs to 18% and made no mention of the agreement's details. "Parliament is in session, but the government used an outside platform to talk about the deal, without divulging any details," Kharge wrote.

He said several key issues remained unclear, asking, "Has India compromised in any manner under US pressure? Have we agreed to ZERO tariffs on American imports, as Trump claimed? Would our farmers be secure? Have we fully or partially opened up our agricultural sector for the US agri market?" He also sought clarity on foreign policy, asking whether India would stop buying oil from Russia and what had been conveyed to Moscow on the matter.

In his nearly one-hour speech, Kharge also raised the issue of violence in Manipur. He said the state was "boiling" while the government remained silent.

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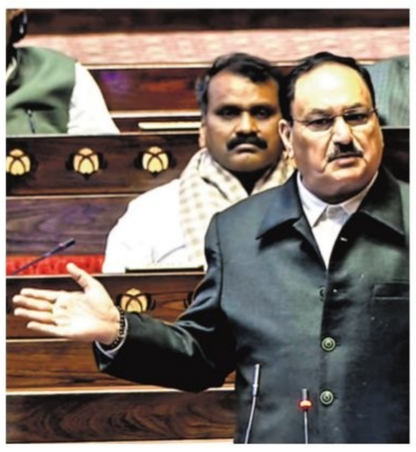
Nadda blames Oppn for House disruption



India won't succumb to nuclear blackmailing, says Nadda

On national security, Nadda said that India would not succumb to nuclear blackmail and that a new normal had been established. "Now the new normal is that no water and blood can flow together," Nadda said, adding that any terror attack would be treated as an act of war.

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

UNION Minister and Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, JP Nadda, on Wednesday criticised Opposition parties for repeatedly disrupting proceedings in the Upper House, even when the government was prepared to make a statement on the US–India trade deal. Speaking during the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, he accused the Opposition of lacking seriousness in parliamentary conduct.

Nadda sarcastically advised Opposition parties to learn from the BJP the "skill development" required to function effectively as an opposition. He said there should be a chapter on this skill. "The first task of the Opposition is to build its own credibility. It is shameful that the Opposition has not been able to build its credibility in the last 11 years," he said.

He stated that the government was ready to discuss SIR and the US–India trade deal, but proceedings were stalled by the Opposition. According to him, the Opposition itself did not allow the House to function. "If the Congress has become captive of some abodha (immature) people, then what can we do?" he asked.

Nadda criticised Opposition members for raising slogans during the President's Address, calling it unfortunate. He alleged sloganeering continued even when the President referred to the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. He said the government had always been open to discussion.

On national security, Nadda accused previous Congress governments of showing 'riayat' or concessions to Pakistan. He said the Modi government responded firmly through surgical strikes, air strikes and Operation Sindoor. Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the Pulwama attack, he recalled the warning that terrorists had committed a grave mistake.

He asserted that India would not succumb to nuclear blackmail and that a new normal had been established. "Now the new normal is that no water and blood can flow together," Nadda said, adding that even a single terror attack would be treated as an act of war.

On economic issues, he attacked the Congress for relying on slogans like "Garibi Hatao" while failing to deliver results. He said the Modi government had lifted 25 crore people out of poverty. "They took votes in the name of the poor but did not even let the poor reach a bank," he said, citing welfare schemes.

Calling the US–India trade deal historic, Nadda said India was witnessing an economic revolution and remained the fastest-growing economy. He also termed the EU trade agreement the "mother of all deals", saying it would benefit manufacturers and artisans across 27 countries.

THAROOR MAY LEAD OPPN BUDGET DEBATE

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the Lok Sabha is scheduled to take up discussions on the Budget 2026-27 on Thursday, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor is likely to open the debate from the Opposition benches. The move signals a warming of ties between the party leadership and the Thiruvananthapuram MP.

According to sources, Tharoor's name was proposed by LoP Rahul Gandhi, underlining a thaw after a meeting between the two last week, in the presence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. The meeting has reportedly eased tensions among them over internal party issues.

Tharoor also attended a meeting at Gandhi's Parliament office on Monday on the controversy surrounding former Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane's book. He has also publicly aligned with the party's stand both on the book row and on the India-US trade deal.

The House is scheduled to hold the Budget discussion on February 5, 9, 10 and 11. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to deliver her reply on February 11. Floor leaders of Opposition parties are likely to meet on Thursday morning to fine-tune their strategy ahead of the debate.

POWER CORRIDOR

Superstar Kamal Haasan makes his maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

'WHOLE-OF-GOVT APPROACH': TARGET IS TO MAKE INDIA DRUG-FREE BY '29, SAYS RAI IN RAJYA SABHA

After setting a March 31, 2026 deadline to completely eliminate Left-Wing Extremism, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday announced an ambitious target to make India drug-free by 2029. The ministry has asked all stakeholders to prepare a three-year roadmap for the period 2026–2029, incorporating a time-bound review mechanism and adopting a "whole-of-government" approach to dismantle the network of illicit drugs including from source and trafficking routes to distribution and abuse. The announcement was made in the Rajya Sabha during Question Hour by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.

Centre: Collateral-free financing for indigenous tech in nuke sector

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

TO support commercialisation of indigenous technologies in sectors previously dominated by government organisations, including space and nuclear, the ministry of science and technology announced to offer long-term financing to private enterprises at concessional interest rates of 2-4% with tenures up to 15 years.

Launching the initiative, the first Open Call of the Technology Development Board (TDB) under the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Union Minister Jitendra Singh described it as a "rare and significant departure" from conventional government funding models. The RDI Fund, with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore, offers long-term financing to private enterprises.

He said the structure has been designed to make access to capital easier for technology developers while maintaining financial discipline. He observed that while governments have traditionally encouraged philanthropy or CSR-led investments, direct government-backed financial support to private sector innovation has been limited. Singh said the RDI Fund seeks to bridge this gap by enabling private enterprises to scale technologies in sectors that were earlier confined to the public domain.

The minister said the opening of strategic areas, such as space and nuclear sectors, for private participation has changed long-standing conventions, and the RDI Fund has been designed to support this transition by reducing financial risk while ensuring accountability. He said the fund provides long-term, affordable financing and includes equity-linked options to share risk, thereby supporting responsible commercialisation.

Referring to the response received under the first call, the minister said nearly 191 proposals have been received, with a majority coming from the private sector. "This response reflects growing confidence among private enterprises in the government's commitment to support innovation-led growth," he said. "It is important to ensure that applications are aligned with the spirit of the scheme and that funding is utilised for genuine technology development and scale-up," he added.

Evaluation based on merit

The funding framework provides for collateral-free financing, with no requirement for personal or corporate guarantees. Proposal evaluation will be based on scientific, technological, financial, and commercial merit.

India-US ties via Quad to be expanded

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

DAYS after a trade deal with the United States was announced, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington, with both sides underscoring the role of the Quad in advancing economic, energy and strategic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. The meeting, held ahead of the inaugural ministerial meeting on critical minerals, focused on formalising bilateral cooperation in critical mineral exploration, mining and processing.

The leaders also welcomed the recently concluded trade agreement between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a statement, US Department of State principal deputy spokesperson Tommy Pigott said Rubio and Jaishankar emphasised the importance of two democracies working together to "unlock new economic opportunities and advance our shared energy security goals."

"The two leaders emphasised the importance of our democracies working together to unlock new economic opportunities and advance our shared energy security goals. Secretary Rubio and minister Jaishankar concluded their meeting by expressing their commitment to expanding bilateral and multilateral cooperation through the Quad. They acknowledged that a prosperous Indo-Pacific region remains vital to advancing our shared interests," said Pigott.

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EAM S Jaishankar with Secretary of State Marco Rubio during a meeting in US | PTI

Modi in Malaysia on Feb 7 & 8 to firm up relations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will visit Malaysia on February 7–8 at the invitation of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, the external affairs ministry announced on Tuesday.

This will be Modi's third visit to Malaysia and his first since India and Malaysia elevated their ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in August 2024. During the visit, Modi will hold bilateral talks with Anwar to review the progress of relations and identify avenues to deepen cooperation. He is also scheduled to interact with members of the Indian diaspora and representatives from Malaysia's business and industry sectors. The external affairs ministry said India–Malaysia ties continue to expand across key sectors.

SC urges govt to review Wangchuk's detention

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to reconsider its decision to detain climate activist Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act (NSA), citing "health grounds".

A Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and P B Varale, after perusing Wangchuk's medical report, observed that his health was "certainly not very good" and urged the government to review the detention order passed on September 26, 2025.

"Just give a thought to it, as an officer of the Court. The detention order is nearly five months old. Considering the health condition of the detainee, certainly not very good," the Bench said. The court was hearing a plea filed by Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, challenging his preventive detention. Addressing Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, the Bench asked whether "there is a possibility for the government to rethink, have a relook".

Wangchuk was arrested in Ladakh on September 26, 2025, following protests and violence linked to demands for statehood and Sixth Schedule status for the Union Territory. He was later detained under the NSA and lodged in Jodhpur Central Jail in Rajasthan.

Opposing the plea, Nataraj said that Wangchuk was responsible for the violence in Leh last year. "Four people died, and 161 were injured. ...ultimately, his provocative speech, provocation, instigation. The person need not actively participate, the propensity of [a] person to influence a group of persons...that is more than sufficient [for preventive detention]," he argued. Nataraj also said the NSA was a preventive, not punitive, law. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

High courts asked for reports on bail pendency

The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought reports from all high courts on the pendency of bail matters, saying it was disappointing that pleas for personal liberty were not being expeditiously heard. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi directed the registrar generals of high courts to provide details of all bail pleas, including regular and anticipatory applications, filed after January 1 this year.

Govt's reply on NEET PG seats sought

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a notice and sought responses from the Centre and others after hearing a plea challenging the decision of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) to drastically reduce the qualifying cut-off percentiles for NEET-PG 2025-26.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhe was hearing the matter, listed for next hearing on February 6. The board reduced the qualifying percentile to zero for reserved categories—which will make a score as low as minus 40 out of 800, eligible for counselling.

Ray of hope: 4 in 10 cancer cases in world can be prevented, says WHO

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

UP to four in 10 cancer cases worldwide could be prevented, according to a latest World Health Organization report. The new global analysis from the WHO and its International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) estimates that 37% of all new cancer cases in 2022, around 7.1 million cases, were linked to preventable causes.

Drawing on data from 185 countries and 36 cancer types, the study, published in the journal Nature Medicine, identifies tobacco as the leading preventable cause of cancer globally responsible for 15% of all new cancer cases, followed by infections (10%) and alcohol consumption (3%). Three cancer types—lung, stomach and cervical cancer—accounted for nearly half of all preventable cancer cases.

Lung cancer was mainly linked to smoking and air pollution, stomach cancer was largely attributable to Helicobacter pylori infection, and cervical cancer was caused by human papillomavirus. The study examined 30 preventable causes, including tobacco, alcohol, high body mass index, physical inactivity, air pollution, ultraviolet radiation and—for the first time—nine cancer-causing infections.

"By examining patterns across countries and population groups, we can provide governments and individuals with more specific information to help prevent cancer cases before they start," said Dr Ilbawi, WHO team lead for Cancer Control, and author of the study.

In India, it is estimated that one in nine Indians will develop cancer in their lifetime. It is projected that by 2045, 1.65 million cancer deaths will be reported in the country.

The WHO study said the burden of preventable cancer was substantially higher in men, with 45% of new cases in men.

This landmark study is a comprehensive assessment of preventable cancer worldwide, incorporating for the first time infectious causes of cancer alongside behavioural, environmental, and occupational risks —Dr Isabelle Soerjomataram, deputy head of the IARC Cancer Surveillance Unit

DROWNED

A man and his two sons drowned in a water tank in a field in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh district on Tuesday evening. The bodies were later handed over to the family after post-mortem.

120 KG OF SILVER JEWELLERY WORTH ₹1 CR STOLEN IN RAJKOT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	20	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	24	13	Panaji	34	23
Jaipur	22	11	Patna	24	12
Amritsar	18	06	Lucknow	22	11
Chennai	29	24	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	28	17	Imphal	23	08
Srinagar	04	-7	Chandigarh	21	09

Y Khemchand Singh takes oath as Manipur CM, gets 2 deputies

Dy CMs from Kuki and Naga communities; 2 other Meitei MLAs also sworn in as ministers

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

AFTER nearly a year of political vacuum, an NDA government was installed in Manipur on Wednesday, with senior Meitei politician Yumnam Khemchand Singh being sworn in as the Chief Minister.

BJP MLA Nemcha Kipgen, who is from the Kuki-Zo community, and Naga People's Front MLA Losii Dikho, a Naga, were sworn in as his deputies. Kipgen virtually took the oath from the Manipur Bhawan, New Delhi. Meanwhile, two other Meitei MLAs—Govindas Konthoujam (BJP) and Kh Loken (National People's Party)—were sworn in as ministers.

Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath of office and secrecy to the five at a ceremony held at the Lok Bhawan in Imphal. The swearing-in ceremony followed the revocation of President's Rule—imposed on February 13 last year—earlier in the day. Two Kuki-Zo MLAs—former Director General of Police LM Khaute and Ngursanglur Sanate (both from BJP)—had arrived in Imphal from New Delhi along with other NDA MLAs on Wednesday, marking the first such visit by any legislator from the community to the state capital since

Governor Ajay Bhalla with BJP legislature party leader Yumnam Khemchand Singh and others before the swearing-in ceremony in Imphal on Wednesday | PTI

ethnic violence erupted on May 3, 2023. It triggered speculation that they could also be sworn in as ministers, though there is still no official word on whether or not they would be inducted into the ministry.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Khemchand and others on taking the oath of office, writing on X (formerly Twitter), "I'm confident they will work diligently towards furthering development and prosperity for my sisters and brothers of Manipur."

Briefly talking to media persons after the swearing-in ceremony, Khemchand opened up about the need for two deputies, saying, "Manipur has 36 communities. It is natural that the state got two Deputy Chief Ministers representing two major communities."

Asked about the challenges that remain, he expressed, "There would always be challenges, be it in sports or politics. But the new government would prioritise the state's development and growth. A lot of work needs to be done."

Kipgen's swearing-in as one of the two deputy chief ministers has emerged as a talking point because some Kuki-Zo organisations had urged MLAs from the community not to be a part of the government. These organisations have remained firm on their demand for a union territory with a separate legislature for the community.

The Kuki-Zo Council had warned that any MLA from the community who chose to disregard this "collective decision" by joining the government would do so in their individual capacity. "The Kuki-Zo people have been forcibly and physically separated by the Meiteis, and therefore, have legitimately demanded a separate administration from the Meitei government in the form of a Union Territory with a legislature," it said, adding it was "neither logical nor acceptable" to join the government.

Likewise, the Kuki Inpi Manipur had warned that no Kuki-Zo MLA should, under any circumstances, associate himself with or lend legitimacy to a "so-called popular government that stands in complete disregard of the suffering, aspirations, and political will of the Kuki-Zo people." Rejecting the formation of any popular government, it said this would be a Meitei-centric political arrangement incapable of delivering peace or reconciliation and would embolden domination and persecution.

Rahul's 'traitor' jibe at Bittu triggers political slugfest in Punjab, Delhi

HARPREET BAJWA & ANUP VERMA @ Chandigarh/New Delhi

WITH about a year left for the Punjab Assembly elections, a remark by Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, calling Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu a "traitor," has triggered a sharp political slugfest in the state, spilling over into Delhi with the BJP demanding action against Gandhi and the Congress hitting back, branding Bittu an "opportunist".

In Punjab, the BJP accused Gandhi of insulting a Sikh leader and debasing political discourse. BJP Punjab working president Ashwani Sharma said the remark exposed the Congress's "bankrupt mindset," alleging that Gandhi was trying to mask political failures through "abusive and provocative language". Sharma said the Congress did not need an opposition to defeat it, claiming that Gandhi alone was enough to hollow it out from within. He asserted that Bittu was working with dedication for Punjab's development and that personal attacks reflected Congress's frustration.

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh termed Gandhi's statement "extremely unfortunate and condemnable," saying it insulted democratic decorum and hurt the dignity of the Sikh community. He invoked the "deep wound" of 1984, alleging that the country "had not forgotten the Congress and the Nehru-Gandhi family's role during that period", and demanded a "public apology" from Gandhi. Congress leaders in Punjab mounted a strong counter-offensive. Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said Bittu was a traitor for betraying the Congress and the Gandhi family, "who gave him everything".

BJP workers protest in the Parliament complex on Wednesday | PARVEEN NEGI

In Delhi, the controversy escalated with the BJP's Sikh Cell staging a protest outside the Congress headquarters on Akbar Road. Protesters courted arrest, raising slogans against Gandhi. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said Gandhi's remark revealed a "deep-rooted attitude" of the Congress towards Sikhs.

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New voters are losing interest, CEO worried

Concern is growing inside the West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer's office over declining enthusiasm among first-time voters. Sources said nearly 7.45 lakh young citizens have filed Form Six seeking enrolment, a figure officials feel should have been much higher. Many who recently turned eighteen have yet to apply. A large section comprises students studying outside the state, showing limited urgency to register. The situation gains significance as 58 lakh dead, permanently shifted, and absentee voters were deleted during the first phase of SIR. Notices have also been issued to over 1.5 crore voters under the discrepancy and unmapped categories.

HC tells govt: Keep Opposition safe

The Calcutta HC directed the West Bengal government to ensure the safety of opposition leaders across the state. Acting on a public interest litigation filed by Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, the court noted allegations of attacks and fabricated cases against MPs, MLAs and Union ministers. A division bench led by Chief Justice Sujoy Paul said maintaining law and order is the state's responsibility, and political rivalry cannot justify violence. The bench asked authorities to prevent any onslaught against opposition figures. The matter will be heard again on February 18, with the court seeking accountability from the administration.

New Kolkata CP shifts focus to traffic woes

The newly appointed Kolkata Police Commissioner Supratim Sarkar has prioritised improving traffic management in the city. Soon after assuming charge, he met senior officers of the Kolkata Traffic Police at Lalbazar and stressed the need for visible supervision on roads. Sarkar asked assistant commissioners and officers-in-charge to remain present during peak office hours, not just during school timings. Sources said senior traffic officials are often absent from busy stretches. The commissioner has directed the identification of chronic congestion zones and the preparation of a detailed report outlining corrective steps.

J'KHAND

HC orders FIR in HIV-infected blood transfusion

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

TAKING a serious view of cases involving the alleged transfusion of HIV-infected blood to children, the Jharkhand High Court has directed the state government to register an FIR immediately.

The court sharply observed that the matter involves grave negligence with potentially life-threatening consequences and therefore warrants an urgent criminal investigation.

The direction was issued during a hearing of a petition filed in connection with an incident from West Singhbhum, where it was alleged that children suffering from thalassemia reportedly contracted HIV after being given infected blood at Sadar Hospital at West Singhbhum district in Jharkhand.

The HC took suo motu cognisance following extensive media coverage of the issue and converted it into a public interest litigation. It also ordered an urgent probe into the matter, seeking a detailed report from the state health department. While hearing the matter again on Wednesday, the court made it clear that lapses in blood screening and transfusion protocols could not be treated casually.

EC rejects Bengal's plea to exempt 25 IAS and IPS officers from election duty

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Election Commission (EC) has rejected the West Bengal government's plea to exempt 25 senior IAS and IPS officers, including state home secretary J P Meena, from poll duty as central observers for assembly elections in three states and a union territory.

The EC asked the 15 senior IAS officers of the Bengal cadre and 10 IPS officers to be present in Delhi on February 5 and 6 for a briefing meting. The officers are to be deployed in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, where elections are scheduled this year along with Bengal. The poll body made it clear that if the officers failed to participate in the meeting, disciplinary proceedings could be initiated against them.

In a mail sent to West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Agarwal on Tuesday, the EC said, "With reference to request made in the trailing mail and attached documents, I am directed to state that the Commission has rejected the exemption request made in respect of officer(s) concerned. Accordingly, the concerned officer(s) may be directed to attend the briefing meeting on the set date and time for the respective batch."

The Mamata Banerjee government had sent a letter last week to the EC requesting that nine officers, including the home secretary, be spared from poll duty in other states. The government proposed nine other officers as replacement.

Senior officials at the state secretariat Nabanna said the EC appointed the officers of the Bengal cadre as central poll observers without consulting the state government. They said the appointment of a home secretary of a poll-bound state as a central observer outside his/her home state is a rare move.

3 JeM terrorists killed ahead of Shah's 3-day visit to J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THREE Pakistani terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad, including a top commander, were killed in twin encounters with security forces in forest areas of Udhampur and Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. Two of the terrorists were killed in a drone-based operation by security forces in Udhampur district.

The forces eliminated the terrorists a day ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's three-day visit to J&K to review the security situation in the UT. Shah will reach Jammu on Thursday evening. "On February 6, the Home Minister will visit the International Border at Hiranagar in Kathua district, where he will receive a detailed briefing from BSF officials on measures being undertaken to prevent infiltration from across the border," an official said.

Jammu-based defence spokesman said a fresh firefight broke out between holed-up terrorists and forces in Dichhar area of Chatroo forest region in Kishtwar district. "One terrorist was killed in the encounter. The ant-terror operation in the forest area is going on," he said. The army, police and CRPF men are conducting a massive search operation in Chatroo, Singhpora and Chingum area in dense forest area in Kishtwar since the January 18 encounter with terrorists in which a para commando was killed and eight other jawans injured.

GUARD UP

1. 2-3 Jaish terrorists, including a top commander, are holed up in the dense forest
2. Troops are using drones, UAVs and other gadgets to track down the terrorists
3. A winter offensive is on in Kathua, Poonch, etc

Security forces suspect that a group of 2-3 Jaish terrorists, including a top commander, are holed up in the dense forest area. The troops are using drones, UAVs and other surveillance gadgets to track down the terrorists, likely to be trained in jungle warfare. Earlier in the morning, forces killed two holed up Jaish terrorists hiding in a cave in Jaffer forest area in Udhampur of Jammu.

"The security forces had used drones, UAVs and other surveillance gadgets to track down the movement of the terrorists, who had escaped after a brief encounter in the forest area on Tuesday afternoon. The drones captured the movement of terrorists. They were spotted hiding in a natural cave," an official said. The video grab of terrorists being spotted near the cave have gone viral on social media. The terrorists tried to flee from the area but they were fired upon by security personnel confining them to the cave and were later killed in a major assault of security forces. One of the slain terrorists is said to be Abu Muvaya, a top Jaish commander who was being hunted by security forces.

Security forces have launched winter offensive in upper reaches of Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar district after the onset of winter to track down terrorists.

In a first in 25 yrs, 6 crore tourists visit U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND has achieved a historic milestone in the tourism sector. For the first time since the state's formation in 2000, the annual tourist influx has breached the six-crore mark. According to the official data, 6,03,21,194 tourists and pilgrims visited Uttarakhand in 2025. This includes 1,92,533 foreign travellers.

Haridwar emerged as the biggest crowd-puller, welcoming a staggering 3.42 crore visitors. The state capital, Dehradun, was a distant second with 67.35 lakh tourists, while Tehri recorded 53.29 lakh visitors.

Tourism and Religious Affairs Minister Satpal Maharaj credited the success to the proactive policies of the government. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, tourism in Uttarakhand has gained a new momentum. We have not only launched vital development schemes, but also placed a heavy emphasis on upgrading basic infrastructure at pilgrimage sites," he said.

Visitors enjoying the breathtaking view on the Mall Road in Nainital | EXPRESS

Haridwar is tourist favourite with 3.42 crore visitors

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The minister also credited the growth in tourism to better security for visitors. "The fact that we have broken a 25-year record is a testament to our improved security arrangements and facilities," he added.

While the official figures are at a historic high, some experts believe that the actual numbers might be much higher. Anoop Nautiyal, prominent activist and founder of non-governmental organisation Social Development for Communities, said, "The six-crore figure might actually be a conservative estimate. The chief minister has often mentioned a floating population of eight to 10 crore. If you consider the five crore devotees during the Kanwad Yatra in Haridwar, 50 lakh for the Chardham Yatra, and 30 lakh for the Purnagiri fair, the numbers likely exceed 10 crore when adding tourists in Mussoorie, Nainital, and Corbett."

Despite the celebratory figures, stakeholders in the hospitality sector are calling for better management of tourism resources. Arun Verma, president of the Almora Hotel Association, expressed concern over the concentration of tourists in specific pockets. "Tourism needs to be more organised. We must divert crowds from saturated spots, like Nainital and Mussoorie, toward offbeat destinations, like Kausani and Jageshwar," Verma said. He also pointed out a critical infrastructure bottleneck: "Mismanaged traffic near Kanchi Dham has severely impacted tourism in Almora and Kausani."

Gujarat cyber fraud goes global as NRI living in Australia duped of ₹48L

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

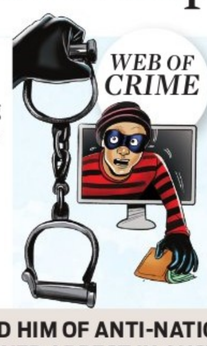
A cyber fraud gang posing as Mumbai Crime Branch officers digitally "arrested" an NRI youth in Australia, held him under virtual surveillance for a month, and siphoned off ₹48 lakh from his accounts in Australia and Ahmedabad.

The victim's family lives in Naranpura of Ahmedabad. The Cyber Crime Branch of Ahmedabad Police has registered a case of cheating and criminal conspiracy after an elderly resident complained that his son, who lives in Australia, was duped of more than ₹48 lakh by cyber fraudsters.

Trouble began on August 26, 2025, when the Sydney-based son received a WhatsApp call from an Indian number. The caller introduced himself as an officer from the Mumbai Crime Branch, and within minutes, the tone shifted to threatening. The caller claimed that crores of rupees in suspicious transactions linked to anti-national activities had been traced to the youth's mobile number and bank accounts. The fraudsters warned that non-cooperation would lead to his arrest in Australia through local police coordination or detention.

The gang forced the youth to purchase a new mobile phone and SIM card in Sydney. Soon after, they extracted banking details and siphoned off 25,000 Australian dollars (around ₹14 lakh) from his Australian bank account. The gang also broke a fixed deposit of ₹34 lakh held in a bank in Ahmedabad.

The youth later approached the Cyber Security Department in Australia. His father also filed a complaint with the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Branch.



Cyber fraudsters impersonating Mumbai Crime Branch officers digitally "arrested" an Indian youth in Australia

- The victim was kept under constant video surveillance and completely isolated
- He was forced to buy a new phone and SIM, giving the gang access to his details
- The gang siphoned off **₹14 lakh** from Australian account and **₹34 lakh** from an FD

THEY ACCUSED HIM OF ANTI-NATIONAL FINANCIAL LINKS AND THREATENED ARREST IN AUSTRALIA OR INDIA

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION (S) in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- Ms. RIKHADCHAND KAVITHA
Loan No – 411800006774

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties converted for residential use bearing land Sy.No.8/P1,(Old Sy.No.8), measuring 0 Acre 35 Guntas and Sy No.9/1, measuring 2 Acres 05 Guntas in total 3 Acres situated at Heelalige Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore (Vide Conversion order No.BDS:ALN:)(A)SR44/2005-06, dated 27/04/2005 by the Deputy COmmissioner of Bangalore Urban and APA/LAO/83/2011-12, Dated 14/02/2013 issued by the Town and Country Joint Planning Authority and Director Anekal Planning Authority), together with all the rights, appurtenances or above the surface and bounded by East by: Land belonging to Shambaiah, West by: Road, North by: Land belonging to Muniyappa, South by: Land belonging to Shambaiah and Halla
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : The 379.353 Sq.ft.(UDS) undivided right, title and interest in the super built up Area constructed in the Schedule A Property along with proportionate rights in common area, amenities, and car Parking
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : (Description of the Schedule "C" Property conveyed herein to the Purchasers)
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.106 in the First Floor situated in Block 2 of the building "Mayur Brundavan" (SLV Brundavan) measuring 915 Sq.ft., consisting of Two Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Vitrified flooring, Main Door, Rooms and Bath doors are finished with flush Doors along with one Car Parking slot in the stilt floor and all other facilities located in the Schedule "A" Property presently comes under the jurisdiction of Purasabhe Chandapura having Khata No.1383/236/B2/106. The aforesaid Apartment bounded on the:
East by: Flat No.111, West by: Flat No.103, West by: Flat NO.107, South by: Flat No.105.

Date of Demand Notice	06/12/2024
Amt Demanded	Rs. 39,86,811.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd Account No: LHFLBA411800006774 IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Symbolic Possession on 20/03/2025
Reserve Price	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs. 5,00,000 /- (Rupees Five lakh only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs. 45,87,811.13/- (Rupees Fourty-five lakh eighty-seven thousand eight hundred eleven rupees and thirteen paisa only)

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. PULAK BISWAS
Loan No. 410500001163

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the apartment bearing No. FNO. 403, 4th FLOOR, BLOCK –B3, in the multi-storied building known as NARAYAN'S – ARIES, with uds of land area = 502.80 sft along with super built up area of 1212 sft, (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas) with one car parking space in stilt floor or basement, in BBMP Khatha no. 460. Syno. 66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, bounded by: North by: Road, South by: Road, East by: Land Acquired by BDA, West by: Lands of a Ramakka w/o. subbaiah and a K.V. Srikantaiah, situated within registration district of Bangalore and sub-registration district of Bangalore.

Date of Demand Notice	21-03-2014
Amt Demanded	Rs.3942715.64 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd Beneficiary Branch Name: HDFC BANK LTD, Account Number: LHFLBA410500001163 IFSC Code: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 23-06-2014
Reserve Price	Rs.56,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty-Six Lakh Only)
EMD	Rs.5,60,000 /- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.1,85,02,867.85(Rupees one crore eighty-five lakh two thousand eight hundred sixty-seven eighty-five paisa Only)

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. GOPAL KRISHNA YALLAVULA
Loan No. 410500001132

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the 2 Bed room apartment bearing No. 601 in the Sixth Floor of "B-1" Block in the multi-storied building known as "NARAYAN'S – ARIES", with a super built up area of 1303 Square Feet (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas) with polish moulded door, 2 track aluminium sliding window, Vitrified Tiles flooring, RCC Roof, one Car parking space in Stilt Floor or Basement along with an undivided 0.40% share equivalent to 540.6 Square Feet in the property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 460, Survey. No.66/2 and 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 1,35,794 square feet, and bounded on the: -East By: Land acquired by BDA, West By: Lands of Ramakka W/o. Subbaih and K V Srikantiah, North By: Road, South By: Road..

Date of Demand Notice	21-03-2014
Amt Demanded	Rs.45,51,440.43 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd Beneficiary Branch Name: HDFC BANK LTD Account Number: LHFLBA410500001132 IFSC Code: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 23-06-2014
Reserve Price	Rs.55,20,000.00 (Rupees Fifty-Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs.5,52,000 /- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs. 2,24,13,038.67(Rupees Two crore twenty-four lakh thirteen thousand rupees thirty-eight and sixty-seven paisa Only)

Website of E-Auction	https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	16-02-2026 & 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Address where property documents can be inspected	BACK OFFICE, 1st FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL, HAYES ROAD, BENGALURU -560025, KARNATAKA.
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	17-02-2026 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM
Contact person: Name of Authorised Representative	Mr. A.S.R Phanindra, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199
Contact details of E-Auction from the service provider	Mr. Uthappa K K, Mob No. : 7799510999 email id:- contact@auctionbazaar.com
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	18-02-2026 till 3.00 PM
E Auction Date & Time	19-02-2026 & 11 AM to 3.00 PM

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

1. E-Auction Sale is being held on '**As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis**' and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** 2. To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. 3. The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.

5. Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal e.g., "www.auctionbazaar.com" along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10.** Initial Bidding increment is Rs.25000/-. However, the Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11.** The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.** The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: 605/EEE/PD/AEE(O)/HVR/2025-26/973-77 Date: 03-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited is **energizing 110KV LILO line using Lynx conductor from 110KV Rattihalli-Tumminakatti SC line to proposed 110KV Kudupali Sub station for a distance of 3.46kms in Hirekerur Taluk, Haveri District on or after 06-02-2026.** The above line is passing through **Menasinal, Kudupali & Surrounding areas.**

The above said Transmission line will be energized **on or after 06-02-2026.** The general public residing near the said newly constructed 110KV line and surrounding villages are requested to keep away from this power line towers, not to tie animals to the towers and not to throw green sticks, wires, tree branches etc., on the lines and not to climb the towers. If any body does these things, it will be most dangerous to their lives or to their animals. Public of the above villages are requested to take utmost care. KPTCL will not be responsible for any accidents due to the above mentioned causes.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Projects Division, KPTCL, Haveri.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI
Email :preckdee@gmail.com Office Phone No: 08338-272131,

No.PRE/CKD/Db/kppp/2025-26/7596 Date: 30-01-2026

Kppp-SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-Mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4 (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible Contractors, registered in P.R.E. Department, & with kppp registration Bangalore, on "turn-key", basis only.

1]Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurment Date: Other works:31-01-2026 To 11-02-2026, 2]Bid Closing & submission Date: Other works:11-02-2026 AT 04:00 PM,3]Tender Opening Date: Other works:13-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 4]Pre Bid Meeting Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:10-01-2026 AT 05:00 PM, 5]Techanical Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:13-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM, 6]Financial Bid Opening Date: [KW-3 & 4 Works Only]:16-02-2026 AT 11:00 AM.

General Works Indent No's:23422, 23405, 23408, 23409, 23410, 23401, 23402, 23397, 23400, 23411, 23414, 23418, 23424, 23427, 23438, 23445, 23448, 23450, 23451, 23454, 23456, 23460, 23462, 23463, 23383, 23751, 23179, 23749, 23758, 18241, 23794, 23793, 23960, 23227, 13451, SC Works Indent No's:23407, 23398, 23426, 23453, 23458, 23404, 23387, ST Works Indent No's:23420, 23415, 23416, 23421, Category 1 Works Indent No's:23412, 23419, Category 2A Works Indent No's:23403, 23395, 23428, 23446, 23449, 23455, 23465,

For further details, the agencies may contact the office of the undersigned, during office hours, or may visit web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/-Executive Engineer
P.R.E. Division, Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1762/KSMCA/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapura Mutt Complex,
Malleshwaram 15th Cross, Bengaluru-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed Post to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notice sent by Speed Post notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors: (1) Mrs. Waheeda Khatoon (borrower) W/o Mr. Wahab Khan, No.3265, 3rd G Main, Nagamma Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560032. **(1A) Mrs. Waheeda Khatoon (borrower)** W/o Mr.Wahab Khan, No 3392 Nagamma Layout, 3rd Cross, K B Sandra, R T Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560032. **(2) Mr. MD Umar Khan (co-borrower)** S/o Mr.wahab Khan, No.3392, Nagamma Layout, 3rd Cross, K B Sandra, R T Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560032. **(2A) Mr. MD Umar Khan (co-borrower)** S/o Mr.Wahab Khan, **Residing at:** No.19, 6th Cross, Nagamma Layout, Kaval byrasandra, R T Nagar Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560032.

[Details of liability/ies as on date]

Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount In Rs	Liability with Interest as on date 01.02.2026	Rate of Interest
04349730000125 SYND NIVAS	29.08.2017	Rs. 26,00,000/-	Rs. 25,41,722.65	8.10% p.a + 2% penal interest
04349740000351 SYND NIVAS	14.03.2018	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs. 6,45,588.49	8.00% p.a + 2% penal interest

Total Liability Amount : Rs. 31,87,311.14 (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven and Fourteen Paise Only) as on 01.02.2026 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 29.01.2026 **Demand Notice Dated : 02.02.2026**

Description of Security assets Immovable Property Details

1) Name of Title Holder : Mrs. Waheeda Khatoon

Schedule: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No. 08, Old No's:13 & 14, PID No: 95-123-8, Situated at 3rd G Main Road, Nagamma Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, Ward No.95, Bangalore -560032. measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 20 ft, in all measuring 1200 sq ft together with RCC roofed residential building thereon and having 700Sq Ft of builtup area, and bounded on East by: Site No. 15, West by: Site No. 12, North by: Private Property and South by: Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 04.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SMT. RAMYA .V** Wife of Sri. Kishore Kumar .V has lost the original of Sale deed dated 23.08.2023 executed by Sri. G. Lokesh in favour of Sri. Kishore Kumar .V which is registered as document No.3329/2023-24 of Book-I in the office of Sub-Registrar, Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru in respect of property bearing Site No.21, VP Khatha No.54, House List No.18 and 21, Property ID No.2848594157, situated at Siddanahosahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, about some months back in transit.

In case the same is traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
M/S BHAT ASSOCIATES, 1st Main,
5th Cross, Yeshwanthpur,
BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob : 9916994581
BENGALURU DATE : 04.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **M/s.GVS LABELS,** intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its owner, **Mrs. NETHRAVATHI.G.**

Any person/s having any claim, title and interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this publication and a copy of objections to our below mentioned office, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registered Sale Deed.

:: SCHEDULE ::

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **No.44, BBMP EPID No.2325607446, BBMP Property No.70/8/10-15/28&29/44, situated at Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West on the Northern side **27.5 feet** and on the Southern Side **29 Feet,** and North to South **50 feet,** totally measuring **1412.5 square feet,** and bounded on the:

East by : Property belongs to Sangeetha;
West by : Property belongs to Jagadamba;
North by : Road; South by : Property No.45

SAHAI KUMAR, Advocate
#311, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar,
Bangalore-560078 Mob : 9845090974

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TGSPDCL intends to float tender for procurement of (a) 33KV Indoor Twin feeder Control and Relay Panel (b) Summation Meters on e-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in, www.auction.telangana.gov.in.**
Phone:040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026

DIPR R.O.No.1129-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:04.02.2026 **Sd/-CHIEF ENGINEER P&MM**

TAMIL NADU GREEN ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of Work
No-02/2025-26	CE / HYDRO	Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Developer for Development of Small Hydel Projects at a Self-Identified Location in Tamil Nadu for the year 2025-26.'

For Details of Work/Procurement/Due date of Submission / Opening / Viewing and down loading of E-Tenedrs Please visit Web sites from **https://tntenders.gov.in / tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** for submission of bids.

DIPR/751/Tender/2026

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ
ಗೌರಿಬಿದನೂರು, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನ.ಸ.ಗೌ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/351/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:28.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಗೌರಿಬಿದನೂರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು standard bidding documents KW-1 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ

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DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54570,
DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54601,
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ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **(1)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.02.2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆ (2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.02.2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಘಂಟೆ** (3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು/ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

Jayanagara Main Branch
429/31, Ramakrishna Bldg., 30th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-11.
Ph: 93721 37940, Email: ubin0537942@unionbankofindia.bank.in

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) READ WITH SEC.13(3) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Union Bank of India** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Ms Thyalambal Sinha, Flat No. F-1, First floor PRABHAVATHI HEAVEN, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Near SBI Colony, Devarachikkanahalli Bus Stand Road, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore -560076. **Also at:** # 207, BLK 2, Phase 1, Janapriya Lakeview, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076. **(2) GUARANTOR : Mr Prafulla Kumar Singh,** # 12/3, BAT Complex, Someshwarapura, Cambridge Layout, Ulsoor-560008.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Type of Facility	Outstanding amount as on 12.01.2026	Total dues as on 12.01.2026 (in Rs.)
Housing Loan 159930100004711	Rs. 11,83,735.68	Rs. 11,83,735.68

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 11,83,735.68 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five and paise Sixty Eight Only) as on **12.01.2026** together with interest thereon.

NPA Date : 10.01.2026 **Demand Notice Dated : 19.01.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted land in Sy No.5/4 (formerly portion of a converted land bearing Sy.5/4 of Devarachikkanahalli village, Begur hobli, Bangalore South taluk vide Convertion certificate bearing Official memorandum No.BDS.ALN.SR(S)401/2002-03 dated 04.07.2003 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Devarachikkanahalli, Begur, Bangalore presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike, Bommanahalli zone having katha bearing No.643/629/5/4, measuring 32 guntas (34848 Sq ft) along with an approach private Road measuring 30 feet wide from West to East and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded as follows: East by: Gundu thopu, West by remaining land in Sy No.5/4, road and private property, North by: Private layout and road, South by: Patel Appanna Reddy's private property and gundu thopu.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the apartment unit i.e Flat No.F1 on the first floor having super built up area of 908 Sq ft comprising one hall with dining area and kitchen, utility area, 2 bedrooms, two toilets cum bathrooms, with one reserved covered car parking in the stilt floor being the part of the apartment building known as "PRABHAVATHI HEAVEN' under construction. on the schedule 'A' property along with 268 sq ft of corresponding an undivided share, right. title and interest in the land comprising the schedule 'A' property: the said flat shall be constructed with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry. Main door teak frame and steam breach veneered flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters. powder coated aluminium windows with glass and safety grills. Ceramic flooring etc and bounded as follows: East by Private property, West by : Corridor, North by : Open space, South by : Open space and flat No.F-2.

Date : 04.02.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale.

15. Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders.

16. The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 05.02.2026

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

Vance pushes allied minerals bloc to secure critical supplies

Comes as US looks to secure mineral supplies for key industries, cut reliance on China, roll out rare earth stockpile plan

WASHINGTON

THE Trump administration wants to create a critical minerals trading bloc with its allies that will use tariffs to maintain price floors and defend against China's tactic of flooding the market to undermine any potential competitors.

Vice President JD Vance said on Wednesday that the trade war over the past year exposed how dependent most countries are on the critical minerals that China has a stranglehold on.

"We want members to form a trading bloc among allies and partners, one that guarantees American access to American industrial might while also expanding production across the entire zone," Vance said at a meeting of foreign ministers at the State Department.

"What is before all of us is an opportunity at self-reliance that we never have to rely on anybody else except for each other, for the critical minerals necessary to sustain our industries and to sustain growth." Critical minerals are needed for everything from jet engines to smartphones. China dominates the market for those ingredients crucial to high-tech products.

"I think a lot of us have learned the hard way in some ways over the last year, how much our economies depend on these critical minerals," Vance said at the opening of a meeting that Secretary of State Marco Rubio is hosting with officials from several dozen European, Asian and African nations. Two days ago, President Donald Trump announced Project Vault, a plan for stockpile of rare elements to be funded with a USD 10 billion loan from the US. Export-Import Bank and nearly USD 1.67 billion in private capital.

Trump's Republican administration is making such bold moves after China, which controls 70 per cent of the world's rare earths mining and 90 per cent of the processing, choked off the flow of the elements in response to Trump's tariff war. Vance said some countries have signed on the trading bloc, which is designed to ensure stable prices and will provide members access to financing and the critical minerals. He hoped others would agree to after the meeting. Administration officials said the plan will help the West move beyond complaining about the problem of access to critical minerals to actually solving it.

"Everyone here has a role to play, and that's why we're so grateful for you coming and being a part of this gathering that I hope will lead to not just more gatherings, but action," Rubio said. A bipartisan group of lawmakers last month proposed creating an agency with $2.5 billion to spur production of rare earths and the other critical minerals. *AP*

Vice President JD Vance speaks at the Critical Minerals Ministerial at the State Department in Washington | AP

China stresses supply chain stability ahead of US drive to bypass rare earth dependence

BEIJING: China, which holds a vice-like grip over the critical minerals, on Wednesday called for "jointly" keeping the supply chains stable and secure ahead of US President Donald Trump's key meeting in Washington to discuss steps to bypass Beijing's chokehold over the rare earths. All sides have a responsibility to play a constructive role to maintain stability and security of global critical mineral industrial and supply chains, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told a media briefing here, striking a measured tone on the meeting, set to be attended by officials of 50 countries, including India. The meeting is convened by the Trump administration to rebuild the supply chains to reduce dependency on China. "On the EU-US proposal... China says countries must follow market and trade rules, boost dialogue, keep supply chains stable, and support global growth," he said.

Russian multiple rocket launcher TOS-1A fires towards Ukrainian positions on an undisclosed location in Ukraine | AP

Renewed US push for Ukraine peace begins in Abu Dhabi

KYIV

ENVOYS from Moscow and Kyiv met in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday for another round of US-brokered talks on ending the almost four-year war as Russian cluster munitions killed seven people at a market in Ukraine. The delegations from Moscow and Kyiv were joined in the United Arab Emirates by US officials, Rustem Umerov, Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council chief, who was present at the meeting, said on social media. Umerov said the planned two-day negotiations in Abu Dhabi started with all three delegations present, after which negotiators were to break into groups according to topics and then meet as a full group again at the end.

The American team was due to include special envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who also attended last month's meeting, according to the White House.

The current talks also coincide with the expiry of the last remaining nuclear arms pact between Russia and the United States on Thursday. Trump and Putin could extend the terms of the treaty or renegotiate its conditions in an effort to prevent a new nuclear arms race.

Meanwhile, a huge Russian bombardment overnight from Monday to Tuesday included hundreds of drones and a record 32 ballistic missiles, wounding at least 10 people. This came despite Ukraine's understanding that Russian President Vladimir Putin had told Trump he would temporarily halt strikes on Ukraine's power grid. Ukrainian civilians are struggling with one of the coldest winters in years, which saw temperatures around minus 20 degrees Celsius.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov wouldn't offer any details on the Abu Dhabi talks and said that Moscow wasn't planning any comment on their results. He said that "the doors for a peaceful settlement are open," but noted that Moscow will press its military action until Kyiv meets its demands. *AP*

BNP's Tarique Rahman backs economy-led foreign policy

DHAKA

THE Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) would pursue an "economy-based foreign policy" if elected to power in the upcoming February 12 general election, the party's new chairman Tarique Rahman has said.

"Our foreign policy will be a 'Bangladesh First' policy," the state-run BSS news agency on Wednesday quoted him as saying in an interview with the US-based The Diplomat magazine. He added that if elected to power, "we will prioritise an economy-based foreign policy that safeguards Bangladesh's interests".

"We believe in mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual benefit in our foreign relations," he said. Rahman's response came as the outlet said that there was criticism that during deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League regime, there was an "India-oriented foreign policy" while the United States, China and India had their eyes on Bangladesh. The Diplomat asked him what would be his foreign policy outlook, to which the BNP chairman also said "no matter which countries we engage with, our national interest must come first".

The news outlet on Wednesday carried an analysis on Bangladesh's February 12 elections predicting Rahman would emerge as the South Asian nation's next prime minister. The article titled "An Interview With Tarique Rahman - Likely Bangladesh's Next Prime Minister" referred to several opinion polls ahead of the elections suggesting Rahman to be the next premier as well. The Diplomat's prediction came as global news outlets like the Bloomberg, Time and The Economist in their recent analyses called Rahan as the frontrunner ahead of the polls. *PTI*

BEFORE THE HON'BLE URBAN II ADDITIONAL DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSAL COMMISSION AT BANGALORE

C.C. NO. 65/2025

COMPLAINANT : SOWMYA PRABHAKAR Bearing No.307, Chowdeshwari Residency, 50 Feet Road, Poorna Pragna Layout, Near Bangalore Study Circle Hostel, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru -560085 **V/s**

RESPONDENT : 1) RAVIKUMAR D Contactor at Align Decors 1589/2, First & Second Floor, BEML Layout 5th Stage, 100 feet Main Road, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore -560098

Also at : RAVIKUMAR D Contactor at Align Decors No.115, First Floor, Paras Global Kutir Apartment, Pattanagere, BHEL Layout, Bangalore -560098 **2) M/s Align Decors** Rep. by its proprietor Deepa Shankar, 1589/2, First & Second Floor, BEML Layout 5th stage, 100 feet Main Road, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed the above case against you for deficiency in service. You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all the material questions relating to the above case on **27th February 2026 at 11 A.M,** to answer the claim.

Failing which you will be placed ex parte and the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court on 21/1/2026

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Asst. Registrar Cum Asst. Administrative Officer, Bengaluru Urban 2nd Addl District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bengaluru -560027.

COMAPLINANT
SOWMYA PRABHAKAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that I, **Mr. Paul Sundhar Vadhan,** S/o Late Sri P.M. Sridharan, aged about 42 years, Presently 74, Blanchard road , Swan View, Perth 6056 Western Australia, do hereby revoke, cancel, and terminate the Unregistered General Power of Attorney dated 26.11.2008, purportedly executed by me in favour of my brother Mr. Theodore Sudhir Vadhanan, S/o Late Sri P. M. Sridharan.

The said General Power of Attorney, though notarised, was never acted upon and is hereby terminated with immediate effect. Henceforth, the said Mr. Theodore Sudhir Vadhanan has no authority whatsoever to act, represent, negotiate, alienate, encumber, create any third-party rights, or deal in any manner with any movable or immovable property standing in my name, nor to act on my behalf in any personal, legal, financial, or property-related matters.

The general public is hereby cautioned that any transaction, agreement, or dealing, if any, entered into by the said Mr. Theodore Sudhir Vadhanan after the date of this publication, shall be illegal, void, non est in law, and shall not bind me in any manner. Any person dealing with him shall do so at their own risk, cost, and consequences, as no right, title, or interest shall pass.

If any person has any objection, claim, or information in respect of the above, the same may be communicated ***within 15 days*** from the date of publication to my Advocate at the address mentioned below.

If no objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be presumed that none exist

Advocate Contact
Mr. Arun A. Gadag, Advocate
Office No.45, 4th Floor, SNS Plaza, Shivanand Circle, Bengaluru – 560001
Mobile: 99454 82525

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notice that our client **K.C.Kavitha** residing at no.718, 20th Main, 11th cross, Padmnabanagar, Banashankari II stage, Bangalore, Our client is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No.V-93, Property ID No.150200100400907353, formed in Nandanavana Layout(V) Situated at Sy.No.91 of Bukkasagara village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 30x20ft in total measuring 600square feet , our client has informed that while travelling from Majestic Bus stop to Anekal, she has lost the original rectification of sale deed document no.JGN-I-03575/2024-25 dated 12.07.2024, registered in the office of sub-registrar Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, after her best effort to search she could not trace out the same, in this regard our client has lodged a complaint intimating the loss of Original registered Sale agreements, cancellation deeds and rectification deed, vide Lost Report No.2045128/2026 dated 04.02.2026 to the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police and it is requested to the General Public that if it is found they may hand over to the address given below, it is made clear that if the above mentioned Original documents are used for any wrongful and illegal purpose, our client shall not be liable in any manner.

Place : Bangalore **Date :** 04.02.2026
S A Law Associates
No.29/1, Old No.54, G.Floor, Nanjappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public, the authorities of Central and State Government including Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf, NGOs, companies, organization as well as Banks and Financial Institutions that our Client Dr. Zubair Ahmed, resident of Bengaluru, has intended to purchase the below mentioned immovable properties from its owner namely Mrs. Haseena Begum wife of Mr. Mustaq Hussain i.e., Iterm No.1 : all the piece and parcel of portion of land bearing new survey number 75/5, Old number 75/1, situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 140 feet, 0-10.28.5 guntas or 11200 sq.feet out of total land measuring 1 acre 07 gunats (converted from agricultural to non-agricultural purpose vide conversin order number ALN (NAY) SR 85/2011-12 dated 28.10.2011 issued by District Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore). The property is bounded on the East by : Property Survey number 75/1, West by : Property Survey number 75/1, North by : Remaining portion of same property, South by : 30 feet Road leading to the property and remaining portion of Survey number 75/5. and Item No. 2 : all the piece and parcel of residential vacant Site bearing number 1, in Property number 75/1, Kattigena Halli Village Panchayath number 75/1, situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 160 feet and North to South 125 feet, in all measuring 7200 sq.feet, bounded on the East by : SN. Sathyavani and others Property, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Sadashivaiah's Property, South by : Road.

If any person or whosoever having any claims, dispute or whatever against or over the aforementioned immovable properties including its title, rights, possession or whatsoever may forward their objection to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of such claims within Fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that there is no claims or whatsoever and thereafter any claims or whatsoever will not be considered or/and entertained. Hence this Notice is deemed to Legal Notice in all manners under the Civil and Criminal Law including under the Indian Contract Act 1872, the Transfer of property Act 1882, the Specific Relief Act 1963, the General Clause Act 1897, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 as well as all other relevant Acts and Rules as applicable from time to time.

Md. Omer Farooq. A, Advocate
M/s. IQRA LAW ASSOCIATES,
19, Lazar Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru -560005.
E-mail - iqralawassociates.in@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Mr.Yogesh.N.S S/o Mr. Shivalingegowda .N.D has mortgaged the property bearing No.106/5 (Old Sy.No. 106/3), CMC Serial No. 338, Form No.3, presently falling within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), situated at Balaji Layout, Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in favour of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

If any person or persons have any right, title, interest, claim, or objection whatsoever in respect of the above said property, they are hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, and my client shall be at liberty to proceed with the transaction without any further reference.

Deepa A.M, Advocate
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560040.
Dated : 05.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Sri. Vijay.S,** S/o. Sathyan, residing at No.31, 12th main, NRI Layout, Bengaluru–560036, is willing to purchase the Site No.36, EPID No.2509029767, situated at Andhrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengalore North Taluk, measuring East West 40 feet North South 30 feet, totally 1200 square feet, bounded on: East by Road, West by Site No.18, North by Site No.37, South by Site No.35, from **Sri. Ramesha, Sri. Vijay** is now intending to avail financial assistance from the Piramal Finance Limited.

If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along with supporting document/s shall be filed with undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below, any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

DINESH .R, Advocate
No.96, Winn Point, RJ Garden, Marathahalli ORR, Bengaluru 560037.
Date: 04-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client - Mr.Deepak.K, S/o. Krishna.H, residing at: No.12/1, 1st Cross, Sonnena Halli, Ullalu Upanagara, Bengaluru – 560 056, intends to purchase **Site bearing No.48,** old Kengeri TMC Khata Sl.No.243, formed in Katha No. 4967/243/213/1/213/1A2/48, in Balaji layout formed in Sy.No.213/1A2 (old Sy.No.213/1), of Kengeri Village measuring 3 acres 7 guntas, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BIDS/ALN.C.R (S) 22/1995-96 dated 27.07.1996, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, situated at Balaji Layout, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40'.6" feet and North to South 55' feet, totally measuring 2227.5 Sq.Ft, which is more fully described hereunder as "Schedule Property". The Schedule Property jointly belongs to Mrs.Uma.N W/o. Suresha and Mr.Suresha S/o. P.B.Shambulingaiah have come forward as Vendors to sell the Schedule Property to my client. The Vendors of my client are the absolute owner in actual physical procession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property.

Any person/s, Bank/s, Financial Institutions etc., claiming any valid right, title and/or interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portion of it under any agreement, mortgage, deed etc. or in any other manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claim **within 7 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned. If no valid objections are received within the stipulated time, my clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property on the basis that the Vendors of my client are the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no claims of any whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.48, old Kengeri TMC Khata Sl.No.243, formed in Katha No. 4967/243/213/1/213/1A2/48, in Balaji layout formed in Sy.No.213/1A2 (old Sy.No.213/1), of Kengeri Village measuring 3 acres 7 guntas, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BIDS/ALN.C.R (S) 22/1995-96 dated 27.07.1996, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, situated at Balaji Layout, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40'.6" feet and North to South 55' feet, totally measuring 2227.5 Sq.Ft, and bounded on: **East:** Road, **West:** Site No.47, **North :** BDA Property, **South :** Site No.49

KARTHIK .C
LEGAL VENUE
Advocates & Legal Consultants
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT, my clients are intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing No.2800 bearing E-Khatha No. 6633752713 situated in 15th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 70 feet; totally measuring 2800 Sq. Feet within the limits of Ward No.166 (Karisandra) of Bruhat Bangalore Mahangara Palike, BBMP (currently known as Greater Bangalore Authority GBA), East by : Site No.2799; West by : Site No. 2801; North by : Road; South by : Site No.2791., which is more fully particularized herein below and hereinafter referred to as "SCHEDULE PROPERTY" from Sri. Anil R. Rao S/o. late Athibele Venkatarao Ranganatha Rao, Residing at No. 182, 29th Main, 10th Cross, Near R. V. Dental College, J, P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore -560 078 and also residing at 75, Gloria Circle, Menlo Park, California, USA 94025 represented by his G.P.A Holder Smt. Prema Ranganatha Rao W/o late Athibele Venkatarao Ranganatha Rao. Any person/firm/institution/ company/Bank/financial institution having any claim/lien/right/ interest over the schedule Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby notified to intimate in writing to the undersigned immediately about his/her/their claim if any with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction shall be completed presuming that no claims from anybody and such claims if any in future shall not be binding on my client.

SANTHOSH. U, Advocate
#M4, Shalimar Plaza, PG Halli Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003.
Mob: 8884391100 / 8660588958

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001

SC/29/A/1449/2023

Appellant:1. Mrs. Prathibha R W/o Late Dinesh Kumar.L.V. Aged about 43 years, Residing at: No.320, Flat No.401, 24th Cross, 28th Main, HSR Layout, 2nd Sector, Bangalore-560102.

Respondent: 1. The Authorized Officer/The Senior Manager, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited, The Senior Manager, 1st Floor, JK Towers, No.719/A,-53-2, 46th Cross. Sangam Circle, Jayanagar, 8th Block, Above More Outlet, Bangalore-560082. **2.** The Authorized Office, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, Golden Heights, 4th Floor, No. 1/2, 59th C Cross Road, 4th M Block, 59A Cross Road, Bangalore-560010. **3.** The Authorized Officer, Edelweiss Asset, Reconstruction Company Limited, Edelweiss House, Off. at C.S.T Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098.
03. The Authorized Officer, Edelweiss Asset. Reconstruction Company Limited, Edelweiss House, Off. at C.S.T Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098.

SUBSTITUTE NOTICE U/S 5 RULE 20 OF CPC, 1908 TO THE RESPONDENT NO.03 IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER "INDIAN EXPRESS" BENGALURU EDITION

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission, Bangalore 2nd Addl. in Complaint No.309/2021 Pronounced by an order dated : 10/03/2023. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal on **27th Day of February Two Thousand and Twenty Six (27/02/2026)** at 10.30 AM.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 05th day of January Two Thousand and Twenty Six (05/01/2026).

By order of the Commission.
ASST.REGISTRAR CUM ASST.ADMN. OFFICER
K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE: 560001
Advocate for Appellant

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT INTENDS TO PURCHASE THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY FROM ITS OWNER, **MR.HARSHA A,**S/O.SRI.ANANDA A,AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,R/AT NO.187. 11th CROSS, Viewrs Colony Bannarghatta Road Uttarahalli Hobli, Gottigere Post Bengaluru-560083.AADHAAR NO.476795778964.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute Asserting any rights, title, claim or charge in the schedule property ,having any claims against the property/or its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned **within 3 Days from** issuing of this public Notice. With all documentary proof/s on which they are their rights over the schedule property or any part thereof after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there is no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY **BEARING SITE NO.52**.BBMP MUNICIPAL KATHA NO.904. ASSESSMENT NO.5/4 AND 5/5.BBMP MUNICIPAL NEW KATHA NO.2205/5/4/5/5/904/52.BBMP E-AASTHI PID NO.**2320085147**. SITUATED AT, PILLAGANAHALLI VILLAGE, UTTARAHALLI HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BBMP WARD NO. 194,BANGALORE, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 30 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET IN ALL MEASURING 1200 SQ FEET, with House, BOUNDED ON :

EAST BY : SITE PROPERTY NO. 51.
WEST BY : SITE PROPERTY NO.53.
NORTH BY : 15 FEET ROAD.
SOUTH BY : RAIN WATER DRAINAGE /RAJA KALUVE

S. RASHEED SAHEB, ADVOCATE
NO.42.6TH B CROSS BALAJINAGARA DRC POST BANGALORE-29.
(M) 09448569509, 9740893190.
mail ID;rasheed.sab12@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my clients Sri. R. S. Vijayarathinam and Smt. Shanthi, presently residing at Bangalore, have lost the last page of original dated 27/11/2014, executed by Smt. Rammakka W/o. Sri. Late. V. Ramakrishnappa, and her children, 0in favour of Sri. Rajashekar. G S/o. Sri. Gnanasegaran. V, registered as document no. BNS-1-14421-2014-2015, Book I, Stored in CD no. BNSD339, on 27/11/2014, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Banasavadi, with respect to selling the Site no. 05, measuring 900 Sq., ft., which is morefully described in the schedule below.

If found inform to Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate, whose address is mentioned as below, within eight days from the date of publication.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY/ SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing Site. No. 05, Property no. 18/2, Situated at Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward no. 54, measuring East to West: 30-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet, in all measuring 900 Sq., ft., and bounded on:

East by : Site no. 06;
West by : Site no. 04;
North by : 20 feet Road;
South by : Private property.

MALLIKA.B, Advocate
No. 19, 1st 'E' Cross, J. S. Nagar, Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9845595954 / 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given to the general public that Sri.K. Himantha Reddy, S/o late Sri. Karur Hire Thimma Reddy, 87 years old, No.156, Sy. No.19, Dollars Scheme, 4th Phase, Sarakki, Bangalore, has lost the original Sale Deed bearing No.BDA-1-01800-2004-05, Book 1, stored in CD No.BDAD36, dated 24-5-2004, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar of BDA, Bangalore pertaining to the property No.156, Sy. No.19, Dollars Colony, 4th Phase, Sarakki, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore, while document was kept in his residence. A complaint regarding the said loss has been duly lodged with Bangalore City Police, and Lost Article Report No.2014349 / 2026 dated 18-1-2026 has been issued under Sec. 155 of Cr.P.C.

If any person finds or has any claim, objection or information regarding the said document, they are requested to inform the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no claim or objection is received within the stipulated time, it shall be presumed that no person has any claim over the said document and further necessary steps will be taken as pr law.

N. S. ANAND, Advocates,
#35/1, I Floor, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560002.
(Mob. No. 9060609599)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, Mr. Jagannath H.D. and Mrs. Vanishree K.H., residents of Bengaluru–560072, Bengaluru North, Nagarabhavi, Bhairaveshwaranagar, in front of Heera Paints, 1st 'A' Main Road, Samruddhi, House No. 5, intend to purchase and register a valid sale deed for the dry land measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, situated at Survey No. 9, Re-Survey No. 9/2, of Huluvenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, owned by Mrs. Shilparani V., wife of Late Hanumanth N. and daughter of Late L. Venugopal.

However, the original valid sale deed registered in the name of Mr. N. Hanumanth on 02/08/2006 at the office of the Kengeri Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru, recorded in Book-I, CD No. KEND 313, Document No. KEN-1-15855/2006-07, has been lost. In this regard, a complaint has been lodged at the concerned police station, bearing Complaint No. 105608/2017.

Since all litigations, if any, relating to the said land have been concluded, any person having claims, objections, ownership rights, inheritance rights, or any pending cases in any court in respect of the proposed property is hereby requested to approach my office within 10 days, at their own expense, with proper documentary evidence.

T. Lokesh
Advocate
Tavarekere, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-562130

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client namely **Mr. VIKAS JAIN,** S/o. Dinesh Chandra Jain, Age: 46 years, and Mrs. RUNJITA GUPTA, W/o. Vikas Jain, Age: 47 years, R/at: P-902, Ajmera Infinity Apartment, Neeladri Road, Electronic city Phase-1, Bangalore-560100. is intended to purchase the schedule property from Mr. SHASHANK, S/o. Dineshwar KR Garg and Mrs. SHILPA BANSAL, W/o. Shashank. They have purchased the schedule property from M/S. AJMERA HOUSING CORPORATION, BANGALORE, A Partnership Firm through Vide document No. BGR-1-08580-2012-13 Book No.1, stored in CD No. BGRD187 dated 19-12-2012 Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, (Begur), Bangalore. Hence any person/s who claims right, title or interest of any nature in relation to the schedule property and/or has objections of any nature to the proposed transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within 15(Fifteen) days from the date of this notice, failing which it will be deemed declared that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Apartment bearing No.L-1402, on the 14th Floor, in the L Block, of Ajmera Infinity measuring 1697 Square Feet of super built up area with one Covered Car Parking space bearing No.36 and 711 square feet undivided share of land on converted Sy.No. 89/1,90/1,91/1, 91/2,100 and 156 all are situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Date : 4/2/26 **Place :** Bangalore
Shweta Naik & Associates Advocates,
T.F.3, 193, Sapthagiri Fairmount, 3rd Cross, Neeladri Road, Electronic City Phase -1. Bangalore -560100.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **M/s. JR VENTURES,** a Partnership Firm, rep. by its Managing Partner **Mr. R Mahesh** has negotiated with Mr. K. Sathya Shankar, the Managing Director of **Megha Fruit Processing Pvt. Ltd,** for purchase of the lands described in the schedule herebelow, on his representation that he is the absolute owner of the same.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest of whatsoever manner with regard to the Schedule Property or anybody opposing the sale transaction may lodge such claim or objection, in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this Notice, failing which my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction, presuming that there are no valid claims or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the lands measuring 27 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/2,** 20 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/4,** 8 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/10,** 1 Gunta in **Sy.No.88/5,** 33 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/6,** 16 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/11,** 1 Acre 33 Guntas in **Sy.No.50/4,** 6 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/8,** 1 Acre 3 Guntas in **Sy.No.115,** 24 Guntas in **Sy.No.50/1,** 6 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/12,** 35 Guntas in **Sy.No.89/5,** 30½ Guntas in **Sy.No.89/4,** 17 Guntas in **Sy.No.87/4,** 8 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/3** & 33 Guntas in **Sy.No.88/9,** totally measuring **9 Acres 20 Guntas** of **Kiranagere Village,** Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Ramanagara District

NARASIMHAMURTHY.A.S, Advocate ,
No.31, 5th Cross, 23rd Cross, J.P Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengalore-78
Mobile No: 9886434287/ 9343769902
Bangalore , Date:04/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients Sri. Arun Kumar. M, and Smt. Santhoshini. J., both are residing at Bangalore have negotiated to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder standing in the name of Sri. Hemanth Kumar. S.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within ten days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being Residential House bearing No. 11 (Old. No. 5), 15th "C" Cross, Muthyalanagar, Jalahalli, Bangalore, (Old No 5, Property No. 33, Jalahalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), the Site measuring East to West : 30-0 feet and North to South : 40-0 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq., ft., with Asbestos sheet roofed shed measuring 200 Sq., ft., ordinary jungle wood door and window frames, presently in the limits of New Ward-17 (old No.2) of BBMP, Bangalore, with Municipal No. as 11, with P.I.D. No. 2-66-11, and the property is bounded as follows:

East by : Site No. 06 (Municipal No. 2a).
West by : Site No. 04 (Municipal No.08).
North by:Private Property(Property No. 34)
South by : 25 Feet Road.
Bangalore
Dated: 04/02/2026

MALLIKA.B, Advocate
No. 19, 1st 'E' Cross, J. S. Nagar, Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9845595954 / 9742658187

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.No.2006/2023

Between: UCO Bank, Jayanagar Branch, Bengaluru ...Applicant
AND
Mrs Neela R and another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 1.Mrs Neela R, W/o: Mahesh A, Aged about 41 Years, Residing at: No.240, 4th Cross Road, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara Post, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560090.
2.Mr Mahesh A, S/o: Anjanappa A, Aged about 50 Years, Residing at: No.240, 4th Cross Road, Abbigere, Chikkabanavara Post, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560090.

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.70,55,488.34/-** and to claim future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons, on or before **06.04.2026 at 10.30 A.M** either in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **2nd Day of February 2026.**

By the Order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer / Authorized to issue Summons.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details :	Address of the Branch :
Name: Sri Nagaraja .V E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in Mobile No: +91 9448441455	STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J. C. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY on 26.02.2026
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **26-02-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 75,19,258/-** (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Eight Only) as on 04.02.2026 interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Harish Babu .R** S/o. Ranganathan, Flat No. 302, 2nd Floor, Urban Retreat, Heelalgi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107 (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under :

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Last date for receipt of EMD up to 5.00 p.m.
1	Rs. 30,00,000/-	Rs. 3,00,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	on or before 25-02-2026

Tender No : SBI/SARB/2025-26/187

Description of Property :

Title deed holder : Sri. Harish Babu R, S/o. Ranganathan

All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No. 302, in the 2nd Floor in the Apartment known as "URBAN RETREAT" consisting of two bedrooms measuring super built up area of 1156 sq. ft. UDS 410.38 sq.ft and one covered Car Parking Space (e-khata No.150200100600520431) in the basement Floor, standing in the name Sri. Harish Babu .R S/o. Sri Ranganathan C, in the Sy No. 22/1,22/2, 24/2A2, 43/1A and 43/2A, site No. 128 Katha No. 1003/226/128 in the Layout known as "DEEPIKA ELITE ", SITUATED AT Heelalgi Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, **Bounded by : on East by** : Open Space, **West by :** Flat No. 301, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Corridor.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **website : https://baank.net**

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification property may be visit **between 11 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.** on any day before the auction with prior appointment. **For further details regarding inspection of property contact (Resolution Agent) M/s. Sisir & Ravi Associates, Mr. Basavaraj .R.T Mob : 7760028263, Mr. Manjunath, M : 9972860922.**

Note : All charges including property tax, Electricity Charges, Water Bills and Maintanance charges etc., If any and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date: 04.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Bakkiyaraj K M & Kavitha K/ Flat No 406 4th Floor Thaiyur Village Block 3 Akshaya Today Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram, S No 1356/2 1376 1377 1378/1A 1491/1 2 Kancheepuram- 603103/ LBCHE00001986078	Schedule "A" Property All That Part And Parcel of Vacant Land Situated In No.46. Thaiyur B Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, In All Measuring An Extent of 18 Acres And 76.80 Cents Or 817524.08 Sq. or 75978.81 Sq. Mts or Thereabouts, (as Per Patta18 Acres 45.80 Cents) Comprised In The Following Survey Numbers- S.No. New Survey Numbers Extent In Acres 1. 1356/2 10.30.00 2. 1376 0.77.10 3. 1378/1a 3.05.70 4. 1491/1 0.01.90 5. 1491/2 3.17.10 6. 1377 1.45.00 Total 18.76.80 And The Said Land Bounded On The :- North By : Area Car Marked For Osr And S.no.1356/1a5 South By : Land Comprised In S No.1356/3 And 1378/2 East By: old Mahabalipuram Road And Land Comprised In S.no.1378/2 West By: Land Comprised In S Nos. 1356/1m4, 1l, 1k, 1f2, 1a2 And 1489 (part) Situated With The Registration District of Chengalpattu, And Sub-registration District of Thiruporur Schedule 'B' Property (property Hereby Conveyed) 471.28 Sq. Ft. (43.78 Sq. Mts) of Undivided Share And Interest In All That Piece And Parcel of The Above Mentioned The Schedule "a" Vacant Land.	December 23,2025/ 14,52,838/-	08/11/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 05, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
78.56	Sensex	83,817.69	₹6,600	24 carat (10 gm)	₹1,60,530	₹40,000	1 kg	₹3,20,000	Dollar	90.42
48.45	Nifty	25,776.00	₹6,050	22 carat (10 gm)	₹1,47,150	₹400	10 gm	₹3,200	Euro	106.81

CCI to probe IndiGo over 'abuse' of mkt dominance

India's competition regulator orders investigation report in 90 days

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Competition Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a detailed investigation into InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, which operates IndiGo, over the allegations that the airline cancelled a large number of flights in December 2025 and subsequently charged sharply higher fares to stranded passengers.

The CCI, in an order passed on February 4, held that the allegations raised by Bengaluru-based flyer Kartikeya Rawal warrant a probe by the Director-General (D-G) to examine possible abuse of dominant position by India's largest airline. It ordered the investigation report within 90 days from the date of the order.

The complaint stems from events during the first week of December 2025, when IndiGo allegedly cancelled hundreds of flights, leaving lakhs of passengers stranded.

The informant claimed that after cancelling its own services, IndiGo offered seats on the same routes at much higher fares, forcing passengers to either wait for days or pay steep prices for return travel.

Rawal cited his own experience of a cancelled Delhi–Goa–Bengaluru return booking on December 5, 2025, for which he had paid Rs 7,173. After the cancellation, he was unable to secure an alternative at reasonable rates and eventually travelled two days later on another IndiGo flight for ₹17,000.

He alleged that the conduct amounted to abuse of dominance, arguing that fares during the disruption were significantly higher than historical averages and recent pricing trends.

In its response dated January 10, IndiGo did not provide the operational and pricing data sought by the Commission. Instead, it challenged the CCI's jurisdiction, contending that the matter falls squarely within the domain of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airline argued that airfare oversight, excessive pricing, and market practices in civil aviation are governed by a complete and self-contained regulatory framework administered by the DGCA. It further cited the Supreme Court's ruling in *Bharti Airtel vs CCI* case and the Delhi High Court's decision in the Monsanto case to argue that sectoral regulators should have primacy. IndiGo also submitted that consumer grievances over flight cancellations or fares are better addressed under the Consumer Protection Act rather than competition law.

However, in a crucial clarification to the CCI, the DGCA stated that it does not regulate airfares and does not possess economic regulatory powers over pricing under the current legal framework.

UNDER THE SCANNER

- The investigation relates to events from **December 2025**, when IndiGo cancelled hundreds of flights
- CCI says allegations by Bengaluru-based flyer needs to a probed for possible abuse of dominant position
- The regulator has asked for the report of the investigation within **90 days** from the date of the order

TARIFF WAR

'India has edge over other US trade partners'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH the US cutting the tariff on Indian exports to 18%, India will have a competitive advantage over other exporting countries to the US, as the new tariff is much lower compared to other countries, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal told Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

"This tariff is lower than those imposed on several competing countries, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of Indian exports in the US market. This agreement also provides significant comparative advantages to Indian exporters, particularly in labour-intensive sectors and manufacturing," said Goyal during his speech in Parliament. He added that as a result of comparative advantages, India's exports to the US will rise significantly across many sectors.

The Minister also informed Parliament that both the sides have maintained their protectionist stances on certain sensitive sectors. He said: "The Indian side was able to do this, in particular, by ensuring that the interests of our agriculture and dairy sectors were protected. The US side too had areas that were sensitive from its point of view." He further said that both sides will work together to complete the necessary technical processes and formal documentation related to the trade agreement so that its full potential can be realised at the earliest. The detailed contours of the agreement will be announced immediately after the completion of these processes.

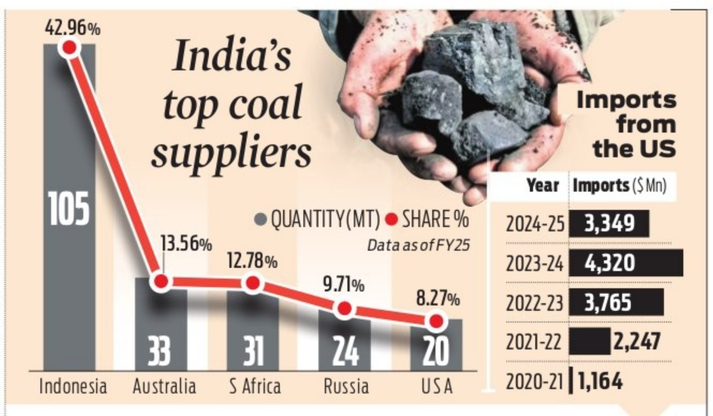
Commenting on the import of oil and energy from the US, he said, "Diversification of energy sources in line with market realities and the evolving global landscape remains the core principle of our policy." US President Donald Trump announced on Monday the tariff on the Indian exports will be brought down to 18% from 50% in lieu of India cutting down the import of oil and energy from Russia and scale up the same from US and the partners.

Stance on sensitive sectors

The Minister also said both sides have maintained their protectionist stances on sensitive sectors. The Indian side was able to do this by ensuring that interests of agriculture, dairy sectors

'Knowing market reality'

Diversification of energy sources in line with market realities and the evolving global landscape remains core principle of our policy, Goyal said. The US President announced the tariff on the Indian exports



FTA: Coal imports from US likely to increase

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AS US President Donald Trump pitches for a rise in energy exports to India, coal from the US could emerge as a big winner. Trump, in his social media post, specially mentioned coal among goods which India could buy as part of his plan to sell India $500 billion worth of goods over the next five years.

India imported nearly 243.62 million tonnes (MT) of coal in 2024-25, and Indonesia remained India's largest supplier. It exported 104.65 MT, nearly 43% of India's total coal import, followed by Australia, South Africa, Russia, and the US.

This import mix suggests that India could potentially reduce coal purchases from some existing suppliers and raise imports from the US. Last week, Union Coal Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt said India sees significant potential to import more coking coal from the US, particularly as the country expands its steel-making capacity.

The US was the fifth-largest coal supplier to India in 2024-25, exporting 20.14 MT, including 8.48 MT of coking coal and 11.66 MT of non-coking coal. In value terms, coal imports from the US peaked at $4.3 billion in 2023-24, up from $3.8 billion in 2022-23, $2.3 billion in 2021-22, and $1.2 billion in 2020-21. Coal is the second largest import from the US after crude oil in value terms.

India has the world's fifth-largest coal reserves and meets about 80.8% of its total coal consumption through domestic production, while imports account for 19.2% in FY 2024-25. The country's production reached 1,047.52 MT, marking a 4.99% increase over the previous year. Despite this, imports remain necessary due to the high ash content (18-49%) and low calorific value of much of India's domestic coal, which limits its suitability for certain industrial uses. Additionally, India has very limited reserves of high-quality coking coal, and about 90-95% of the steel sector's coking coal requirement is met through imports.

In FY 2024-25, Indonesia exported 104.65 MT, including 102.58 MT of non-coking coal and 2.07 MT of coking coal.

PREVIEW

RBI to hold rates in MPC meet: Experts

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

MINT Road observers are unanimous in forecasting a *status quo* on the policy rate front at the monetary policy review later this week citing the growth-oriented budget and two back-to-back trade deals with the US and the EU.

The Reserve Bank-led monetary policy committee began its three-day meeting on Wednesday, and will announce its view on the repo rate and policy stance Friday. The panel since last February has slashed the repo rate by 125 bps to 5.25.

Sonal Varma, chief economist at Nomura India, expects the RBI to view the budget as prudent, given the continued commitment to fiscal consolidation and its focus on growth enhancing reforms.

The Budget is positive for growth and neutral for inflation, so we do not expect this to materially influence the RBI at its next MPC meeting. "That said, the budget's borrowing is higher than market expectations, which could revive concerns on the funding of the consolidated borrowing program and increase pressure on the RBI from a debt management perspective," said Varma.

Govt's priority to boost trade, ensure MSME growth: CBIC chief

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

IN the recent Budget, the government has taken a calibrated approach to balance the revenue generation from customs duty and other tariffs, and trade liberalisation measures like free trade agreements, said Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Vivek Chaturvedi.

During an interaction with *TNIE*, CBIC Chairman said the government's priority was not only boosting the trade with rationalisation of customs duty but also ensuring that small and medium enterprises get to boost their exports.

"Trade deals, free trade agreements which ultimately lead to concessions on tariff treatment, would of course have an impact upon the taxes and the revenue," he said. He stated that the government has taken into consideration the revenue impact that could happen due to measures like the customs duties exemptions on capital goods imports for the promotion of the domestic manufacturing and value addition to the PLI and the PMP (Phased Manufacturing Programmes) schemes.

"However, I would say that if you look at the current exercise that has happened in this Budget, the Centre has taken a calibrated approach towards that. It is not a whole-hog rationalisation exercise. It has been designed very specifically to meet the critical needs of India."

The Budget rolls out a major overhaul of Customs and Central Excise to simplify tariffs and aid trade facilitation. From May, several exemptions and concessional rates will be built into the Customs Tariff without changing effective duties, reducing complexity and disputes. Duty tweaks focus on correcting inversion, supporting manufacturing, clean energy, MSMEs, exports and healthcare, while easing rules for personal imports and baggage.

"The overall conspectus of the rate part has largely been a very calibrated approach towards sectors, the needs of the country, promoting export, giving protection of sorts to the MSME, making the industry more resilient and giving a certain predictability and certainty to the trade," he added.

AI automation fears cause selloff in Indian IT stocks wiping ₹2 lakh cr

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIAN IT stocks fell sharply on Wednesday, triggered by fears that advanced AI tools from start-ups like Anthropic could automate core software and services work, making investors reassess the long-term viability of traditional IT business models.

Shares of major IT companies such as Infosys, TCS, HCLTech, Tech Mahindra and Wipro fell between 4% and 8%. The fall wiped out nearly ₹2 lakh crore in market value from the IT sector.

The immediate trigger for the selloff was an announcement by US-based AI start-up Anthropic. It unveiled new automation tools for its Claude platform that can carry out tasks across legal, sales, marketing and data analysis functions. These tools can operate directly without relying on traditional enterprise software platforms, raising concerns about disruption to existing software and services models.

"For Indian IT firms, the concern centres on the possible impact of advanced automation on services such as data processing, compliance monitoring, contract analysis and customer support. These functions have traditionally formed a key part of India's IT services exports," said an analyst at a domestic broking firm.

The announcement triggered a global technology selloff. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq indices declined, while large technology stocks such as Microsoft, Meta Platforms and Nvidia also came under pressure. Software companies, including Salesforce and ServiceNow, recorded steep losses. Jefferies described the episode as a "SaaSpocalypse." The investment bank used the term to signal a potential crisis for Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) companies, warning that new AI agents could make parts of traditional enterprise software platforms obsolete by directly performing tasks without needing those platforms.

PANIC MODE

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2. The fall wiped out nearly **₹2 lakh crore** in market value
3. Jefferies described episode as a "SaaSpocalypse"

CONDITION APPLY

MeitY-notified cloud services companies to get tax holiday

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Union Budget 2026 has introduced a long-term tax exemption for foreign companies providing cloud services globally, including in India. However, to be eligible for the tax exemptions, the foreign cloud services company needs to be specifically notified by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the data centre services must be procured from an Indian company. Also, cloud services provided to Indian users must be routed through an Indian reseller entity, which must also be an Indian company.

"Services by the foreign company to Indian users should be provided through an Indian reseller entity," said the sources. According to the finance ministry, the exemption ensures that foreign cloud companies will not face the risk of their global income being taxed in India merely because they use Indian data centres. The Ministry said that the exemption has been given in a way to ensure that it does not dilute taxation of domestic economic activity. Profits earned by Indian data centre companies for services provided to global cloud entities, as well as income earned by Indian resellers from supplying cloud services to domestic customers, will continue to be taxed under existing corporate tax rules.

"There is a complete level playing field. Now Indian data centres can confidently offer their services to such global cloud entities, without these global entities perceiving any tax risk if they use Indian data centres," added the source.

Where the Indian data centre is a related entity of the foreign cloud provider, a safe harbour margin of 15% has been prescribed to simplify transfer pricing compliance. Under the proposal, the exemption will apply from the tax year 2026-27, offering a 20-year window for global cloud service providers.

Business & Beyond

Paradip Port Authority sets new January record with 14.44 MMT cargo

PARADIP Port Authority (PPA) has begun 2026 with a landmark achievement by recording its highest-ever cargo handling for the month of January. The Port handled 14.44 MMT of cargo during the month, surpassing its previous January record of 14.32 MMT achieved in 2024. This record-breaking performance reinforces Paradip Port's position as one of India's leading Major Ports and reflects the steady growth in its operational capabilities. The achievement is the outcome of sustained infrastructure augmentation, streamlined processes, and improved coordination across terminals and stakeholders.

Airbus inaugurates Centre of Excellence to drive aerospace research at Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

AIRBUS has inaugurated a Centre of Excellence for aerospace studies at the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, India's unique industry-driven university for the transportation and logistics sector, based in Gujarat. The Centre marks a significant milestone in the collaboration between Airbus and GSV to strengthen India's aerospace ecosystem through organic research, innovation and talent development. Prof. Manoj Choudhary, Vice Chancellor of GSV highlighted, "Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya is converting industry- driven innovation-led vision into reality for building highly skilled human capital and new technologies for the entire transportation and logistics sector."

Union Bank of India inks pact with C2FO factoring for TReDS

UNION Bank of India entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with C2FO Factoring Solution Private Limited, which operates the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform under the brand name C2treds. This strategic partnership reinforces the Bank's commitment to Strengthe-ning digital supply chain finance and enhancing liquidity access for MSMEs and corporates. The MoU was signed by the senior management of the both the organisations. Union Bank of India was represented by Abhijit Basak, Chief General Manager, Large Corporate Vertical, Prasad Ramaswamy, Head – Corporate Relationship & Transaction Banking (CR&TB), Siddharth Mujumdar, General Manager, Biju Surendran & Shri Nagabhushan, Deputy General Managers from Union Bank of India. Neha Bahadur, Managing Director, C2treds, Newton D'Souza, Associate Director – Financial Institutions, Ninad's Bhoir, Senior Manager, Financial Institutions Operations.

Ambani says start-up ecosystem excites him

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RELIANCE Industries chairman and MD Mukesh Ambani said start-up ecosystem is the aspect of India's growth story that excites him the most as it can create 100 new Reliances. Stating that India's growth is driven by policy continuity and disciplined economic approach, he said investors and governments increasingly recognise our long-term potential.

"Our start-up ecosystem holds the potential to create 100 new Reliances," he said citing sustained economic growth, policy continuity and rising global interest in India.

Stating that the start-up ecosystem in the country, which is home to the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world, is the aspect of our growth story that excites him the most, arguing that it has the potential to create multiple large, globally relevant enterprises over time. "The startup industry excites me the most. I can clearly see a 100 new Reliances," he said.

Ambani, the richest man in Asia was speaking at a JioBlackRock MF's fireside chat with BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, here on Wednesday.

He said our economy has reached a stage where growth is visible, durable and broad-based, and is marked by long-term reforms and structural stability. "India, and the tree of the Indian economy, is bearing fruit with great visibility, with sustainability and abundance," he said.

He added, "We've also had policy that was sustainable. We've had continuity in policy. We have also been conservative".

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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SALE OF ASSETS THROUGH e-AUCTION

The following assets taken over under section 29 of the State Financial Corporation Act, 1951 are available for sale on **"as is where is and whatever there is"** basis and will be sold through e-auction. Persons interested to purchase the assets may participate in the e-auction through web site **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. Vaishnavi Granites (Prop: Sri Lingayya S Julagudda) Industrial land measuring 2000 Sq.mtrs.(75 mtr. X 26.66 mtr.), factory building thereon and granite tiles cutting and polishing machinery at Plot No..21, KIADB Industrial Area, Kushtagi, Koppal dist. **Reserve price : Rs.45,00,000/-. EMD Rs.4,50,000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION275)**

2. Tayamma Metals. (Prop: Sri. Sharanappa S/o Gudadappa)2 Acres of industrial land and old stone crusher in Sy. No. 44, Udamkal, Venkatagiri, Tq:Gangavathi. **Reserve Price: Rs. 31,00,000/-. EMD Amount: Rs. 3,10,000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION276)**

3. Kalyanabasaveshwara Seeds Corporation : (Prop: Sri.Basanagouda S Police Patil) Seeds processing factory having Industrial Land measuring 1 acre 38 guntas, building thereon and plant and machinery such as Agro Saw seed cleaner, 5TPH Elevator, OSAW Agro Grader, 3TPH Elevator, Silo Dust Collector, Cleaner cum Stone separator, Cotton Ginning machines Type 3 No. 2 with Motor, 20 KVA DG set, Small Pouch Packing Machine sealer & Stitching Machine At Sy. No. 9/1, GP Assessment No. 247, Yelamgeri, Irakalagada, Koppal Tq & Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs. 53,74,000/- . EMD : Rs. 5,38,000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION269)**

4. Shree Hari Industries: (Prop: H Venkatesh) Electric poles manufacturing factory having industrial land measuring 1 acre 10 guntas, building and plant and machinery in Sy. No.31/3, Halavarthi, Koppal Tq. & Dist. **Reserve Price: Rs.57,08,000/-. EMD : Rs. 5,71,000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION270)**

5. Brahmini Granites Industries: (Partners : Sri Mariyappa Melinamani & Sri Vinaykumar Melinamani) A) Industrial land measuring 1 acre 20 guntas along with factory building thereon at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price: Rs.71,64,000/-. EMD: Rs.7,17.000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION271)**
B) Granite Cutting & Polishing Machinery including Gantry Crane, EOT Crane, etc. at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price: Rs.16,33,000/-. EMD: Rs.1,64,000/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION272)**

6. NYS Granite Impex Pvt Ltd.: (Directors : Sri Yamanur Saka, Sri Srikanth N Ayili, Sri Nagaraj V Muddebihal, Smt Mamatha Y Saka, Smt. Bharathi N Muddebihal & Sri Mohan N Ayili). Industrial Land at Sy.No.35/2/5 & 35/2/9, Bandragal village, Kushtagi Tq., Koppal Dist, measuring 1 acre 38 guntas and factory building thereon measuring 2963.51 sq.m and an RCC block measuring 145.82 sq.m., slurry tanks, borewell etc. **Reserve Price : Rs.1,71,64,000/-. EMD: Rs.17,16,500/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2025-26/ AUCTION273)**

Terms and conditions of Sale:(1) Bid opening date and time **09-03-2026 at 11.00 AM.** (2) Last date and time for payment of EMD & expression of interest to participate in e-auction is **07-03-2026 at 2.00 PM.** (3) Bid closing date and time: **11-03-2026 at 4.00 PM**. Interested bidders may contact the undersigned for more details. (4) Inspection Date & Time for all the above units : **11-02-2026** to **20-02-2026** from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM (on all working days with prior appointment). (5) Successful bidder should pay applicable GST on the bid value of plant and machinery (6) In respect of auction at Sl.No.5 the Corporation reserves the right to give preference to award the bid to persons who bid for both land and building and plant and machinery. (7) The successful bidder of land and building should bear statutory dues such as electricity and water bill arrears, municipal taxes, commercial taxes, employee dues, etc., if any on the assets/unit. The interested bidders should make their own enquiries to ascertain such dues before placing their bids. (8) Interested bidder may contact undersigned for more information. (9) The other terms and conditions of sale through e-Auction are detailed in the website viz., **http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in. This is also the statutory 30 days notice required to be given to the borrowers,** mortgagers of the above properties and the personal guarantors. Persons interested to purchase the above assets are requested to participate in the above e-auction. Borrowers, personal guarantors and collateral security owners may also use this opportunity to persuade any bidder to participate in the e-auction from their side or close the concerned loan account with up-to-date interest before the bid start date so as to cancel the e-auction.

Place : Koppal
Date: 04-02-2026
Sd/-
BRANCH MANAGER

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorized Officer's Details :
Name : Sri. Vivek Raina
E-mail Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No.: 8197025366
Land Line No.: (Office): 080-25943678

Address of the Branch :
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp.Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact : CCO : Sri. Dayanand M Nagashetty
Mob.: 9008844891. Tel.: 080-2594-3678 / 3663
E-mail Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-AUCTION SALE ON 26.02.2026 - SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rule 8 (6) of The Security Interest(enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgager that the below described immovable property Mortgaged / Charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is"** basis **on 26.02.2026 for Recovery Rs. 1,97,63,564.00 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Four Only) as on 03.02.2026** and further interest at contractual rate **from 04.02.2026** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the **State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor from the **Borrower : Mr. Pendem Koteswara Rao S/o. Vykuntam**
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under :

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increment Amount,	Date &Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
3 BHK Flat No. GF-001, in GF BBMP Khata No. 214/240/GF-001, SBA 2350 Sq.ft, Apartment known as "Kamakshi Shelters"	Rs. 1,60,00,000/-	Rs. 16,00,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	on 26.02.2026 From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	25.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM

SECURED INTEREST

Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Immovable Asset)	Reserve Price (Amt in Rs.)
1.	**Tender No.: SBI/SARB/2025-26/185** **Property ID : SBIN200058071932** **Name of the Title Deed Holder : Sri. Koteswar Rao Pendam S/o. Vykunatam** **SCHEDULE "A' PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No. 240, formed in Converted Sy.No. 86/1, (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. B.Dis.ALN(E) VB:SR:101/2003-04, dated 03.07.2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore., in the Layout known as "RELIABLE LAKE DEW RESIDENCY", which is duly approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide approval bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-11/1684/ 2003-04, dated 30.09.2003, Situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruthat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bearing New BBMP Municipal No. 214/240, BBMP Ward No.150-Bellandur, Measuring : East to West 70.0 Feet and North to South 40.0 Feet, in all Measuring 2800 Sq.Feet and bounded on **East by :** Site No.247, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 239 and **South by :** Site No. 241. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY** 700 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in the Land comprising in Schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY** Three Bedroom Residential Flat bearing No. GF-001, in Ground Floor having BBMP Khatha No. 214/240/ GF-001, Measuring 2350 Sq.Feet of Super built up area with Vitrified Flooring, along with One Covered Car Parking Place in the Basement / Stilt Floor, part of Multistoried Residential Apartment known as "KAMAKSHI SHELTERS" constructed at Schedule 'A' Property along with all the rights in the common areas an easement.	Rs. 1,60,00,000/-

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002 Telephone : 080-2594-3678 / 3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, M/s KN Resolutions Pvt Ltd. Representative : Sri. V. Pradeep Kumar, Cell No.: 9535052772**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, https:// baanknet.com and www.sbi.co.in**
NOTE : Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity bill, Water Bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha & Property Rax, etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Date : 03.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 31.01.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	47059630000516	1) Mr. Raju, 2) Mrs. Sowjanya R	10-07-2025	07-01-2026	Rs.4,91,685.76 (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five and Seventy Six Paisa Only)	24.02.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.8,10,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)	Rs.81,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Thousand Only)	09.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM	07.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E Khatha No.152900200401400124, Khaneshumari No.35/27/1 measuring East to West 6.096 meters and North to South 18.288 Meters, situated at Gullahattikal Village, Kaggalahalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Rajabeedi, **West by:** Remaining Own Property, **North by:** House belongs to Shivalingaiah, **South by:** Rajabeedi.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'**. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Varun B Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ Karnataka@bankauctions.in..**
For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 05.02.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BENGALURU

4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.No.1427/2023

Between: UCO Bank, Jayanagar Branch, ...Applicant
AND
Mr Ramamani and another, ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 1.Mr Ramamani.M.V, S/o B.A Narayana, Aged about 48 Years, R/o: No. 53/1, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Opp: Vakkaligara Sangha School, Kottigepalya, Bengaluru-560091.
2.Mr B.A. Narayana, S/o: Arasappa, Aged about 50 Years, R/o: No. 53/1, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Opp: Vakkaligara Sangha School, Kottigepalya, Bengaluru-560091.
Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.79,56,021/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Twenty One Only)** and to claim future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons, on or before **03.03.2026 at 10.30 A.M** either in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **20th Day of December 2025.**

By the Order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer / Authorized to issue Summons.

MSIL Mysore Sales International Limited

BEVERAGES DIVISION
MSIL House, # 36, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.
Phone : 080-22264021-25
No.: MSIL/BD/003/2025-26 Dated: 05.02.2026

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(through e-procurement portal)

Short-Term Tenders are invited from agencies/suppliers for supply and installation of CCTV Surveilence Systems and other associated works for MSIL liquor retail outlets accross Karnataka. Last Date & time for submission of e-Tender: **24.02.2026 up to 3.00 p.m.** For more details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director (Marketing)

BENGALURU CO-OP. MILK UNION LTD., [BENGALURU DAIRY]

Dr. M.h. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029
E-mail Address : bamulpurchase@gmail.com
Website:www.bamulnandini.coop, Phone: 080- 26096214 & 282

Tender Ref No: BAMUL/PUR/09/1836/T-342/2025-26 Date: 02.02.2026

TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER THROUGH THE KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL

Bengaluru Co-op Milk Union Ltd., (BAMUL) Bengaluru, invites e- tender through e-Procurement Portal from the interested and eligible Manufacturers/Contractor/Dealer /Distributors for Supply of the following item.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Qty	Estd Cost in Lakhs	Tender No
01	**Supply of Ink/Consumables for Linx-8840 (04Nos) and PJS TJ-600 DP (01No) Inkjet Coding Printers including services for a period of one year to Bengaluru Dairy.**			
	i)Hydrajet Ink Cartridge(Porous Cartridge)PJS-TJ600DP Coding Machine	15 Nos	14.156	**KMF/2025-26/IND1966**
	ii) Washing solution for Coding Printer machines	350 Nos		
	iii) Service kit for Linx 8840	4 Nos		
	iv) ASC-1240 Ink Cartridge 500ml for Linx 8840	35 Nos		
	v) ASC-1512 Solvent Cartridge 1000ml for Linx 8840	290 Nos		
02	**Supply of 400Ltrs Capacity Bottle/Milk Cooler to Bengaluru Dairy-Twice per year as per requirement.**	200 Nos	46.00	**KMF/2025-26/IND1969**
03	**Supply & fixing of LED Board with Acrylic letters on Aluminium cladding for BAMUL allocated area for the Period of one year.**	2000 Sq.ft	13.00	**KMF/2025-26/IND1970**
04	**Supply of Sun Board with Vinyl Sticker for BAMUL allocated area for the period of one year.**	5000 Sq.ft	3.75	**KMF/2025-26/IND1971**
05	**Supply and fixing of Customised Parlour Branding work -BAMUL allocated areas for the period of one year.**			
	i) LED Board with Acrylic letters on Aluminium cladding	3000 Sq.ft	36.70	**KMF/2025-26/IND1972**
	ii)Sun Board with vinyl sticker	5000 Sq.ft		
	iii)Vinyl Sticker with lamination	5000 Sq.ft		
	iv)Glow sign Board	5000 Sq.ft		
	v)Non lit Fabric Boards with frame	3000 Sq.ft		
06	**Supply of Route Sheet Paper 10x12x1 with BAMUL & Nandini Logo 70 GSM to Bengaluru Dairy for a period of One year on Staggered basis.**	460 Box	4.83	**KMF/2025-26/IND1973**
07	**Supply of Printronix P8000 heavyduty line printer Cartridge ribbon to Bengaluru Dairy for a period of one year on Staggered basis.**	300 Nos	8.40	**KMF/2025-26/IND1974**
08	**Supply of SS 304 Grade Conveyor Chain to Bengaluru Dairy one time supply basis.**	400 Mtrs	16.00	**KMF/2025-26/IND1967**
09	**Supply of Ammonia Gas in 50Kg Carbon Steel Cylinder to Bengaluru Dairy for a period of one year.**	30000Kgs	27.60	**KMF/2025-26/IND1968**

1	Access to E-tender Documents	03.02.2026 to 17.02.2026 till 02.00 PM
2	Pre-Bid Meeting /Tender clarification date & time	09.02.2026 till 11.00 AM
3	Last date for submission of tender/ quoting	17.02.2026 till 02.00 PM
4	Date & time for opening Technical Tender	18.02.2026 at 02.35 PM
5	Date & time for opening Commercial Tender	21.02.2026 at 11.30 AM
6	Place of opening of Technical and Commercial Tender	BAMUL (Bengaluru Dairy) Board Room

The Tenderers shall submit separate tender for the above, Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract.
The Earnest money deposit (E.M.D.) valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender i.e. total for 135 days, Tender processing Fee, modes of e-payment, tender document details and other details are mentioned in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact **Help line No: 8046010000/8068948777.**

Sd/- Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority, Bamul

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client intends to purchase Agricultural land measuring 16.04 guntas in Sy. No. 87/1, situated at Kodihalli Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, from the owner Sri Muniprasad. B. C and Smt. Geeta (who is an interested party).
Any person having any right, title, interest, or claim in respect of the said properties, whether by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, or in any manner whatsoever, is hereby called upon to contact the undersigned with all relevant documents **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice.
If no such claims are received within the above period, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforesaid owners by executing a registered Sale Deed and no objections or claims raised thereafter shall be entertained.

SANDEEP HEGDE, Advocate
#755, 1st Floor, 60th Cross, Rajajinagar
V Block, Bangalore-560010

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mrs.Lakshmamma W/O K Mahadeva,** Residing at #849, 3rd Cross, NGO s Colony, Kamalanagar, Bangalore North, Basaveshwaranagar Karnataka - 560079. She has lost the General power of Attorney dated on 05-02-1987 she has lost at Near Kamalanagar bus stop Accordingly she has lodged the complainant on Bangalore City Police with E-Lost dated 04/02/2026 Report No.2044653/2026.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.849, Sy No. 46,Ward No.16, PID No.16-54-849, Municipal No. 849. Situated at Kamalanagara Village, Yeshavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft bounded on **East by:** Site No. 848, **West by:** Site No.850, **North by:** Road , **South by:** Site No.866. If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
 # 1479. DRLS PLAZA.
UNION BANK BUILDING. T DASARAHALLI, Bengaluru-560057. Mob No. 9060950265.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 23rd ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

CRL. MISC. NO. 859/2026

BETWEEN: 1. Mrs. Saraswathi, D/o Late. M. Mari, D/o Late Rani, Aged about 45 years,Residing at. No.91/1, 19th Cross, CMH Road, Lakshmipuram, Halsuru, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560008. 2. Mrs. Suguna. M,D/o Late. Mari, D/o Late Rani, Aged about 57 years, Residing at. 175/1,Jagadevipalayam,Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu-635203. ... **PETITIONERS AND THE** COMMISSIONER, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Births and death department, Bengaluru. **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioners have filed above Petition for obtaining Death Certificate of deceased who is the Petitioners Mother by name Smt. RANI, W/o. Late Mari, who died on 14/09/2019 at NO. 520, Nehru Street, Udaynagar, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru-560016. If there are any persons having claim, they may appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or through Pleader on **20/02/2026** at 11-00 A.M. failing which the Petition will be disposed of according to law.
Given under my hand & seal on 2nd day of Feb' 2026.
By Order of Court, Sd/- Senior Shirastedar, XXIII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate court, Bangalore City
Advocate for Petitioner : **Mr. G. Sebastine,** Advocate, No.55, 15th Cross, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-560047

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, our clients are intended to purchase the Property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner; Smt. Lakshmi.G.V wife of Sri. Jayaram.D.S, residing at No.07, 3rd Cross, Viveshwaraiah Badavane, Siddedahalli Main Road, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560073 represents that she is the true and absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, having acquired the same by virtue of Sale Deed dated:07.02.2025, registered as Document No.PNY-1-06477/2024-25, registered on 13.02.2025 with regard to measuring 800 Sq.ft in Site No.16 and having all power, authority and alienation power having confirmed under the General Power of Attorney dated:10.02.2025, registered as Document No.PNY-4-00166/2024-25, registered on 13.02.2025, both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Peenya, Bengaluru.
The above said owner further represents that, she is the absolute owner having a clear marketable rights, title and interest over the Schedule Property measuring 800 Sq.ft and having all power and authority having confirmed under the said General Power of Attorney with regard to measuring 400 Sq.ft and that apart from them there is no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property whatsoever and she has not entered into any Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding/Deeds or documents etc., and further she has not mortgaged, created any lien, charge or no minor interest or case/disputes or encumbered with respect to the Schedule Property hereunder or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever, with any person/s or firm or bank/s or company. Any person/s have objection/s, claims shall with all necessary supporting documentary evidence and proof lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within 7 (Seven days from the date of this publication hereof, with the under singed, with all documentary proof/s on which they are basing their rights with regard to Schedule Property, failing which no objections/claims will not be received thereafter and same will not binding on our clients in any manner and our clients will proceeded to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no objections/claims whatsoever from anybody on the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being residential Site No.16, having property No.149/16/109/1, (Old BBMP Khatha No.149/16/109/1 (formed in Assessment/Survey No.109/1 of Bagalgunte Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk) having Bengaluru North City Corporation e-Aasthi New PID No. 6593390642, presently within the limits of Greater Bengaluru Authority, situated at No.15, 4th Cross, Visveshwaraiah Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru North City Corporation Ward No.14-Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560073, measuring East to West-40 feet and North to South-30 feet, in all totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft together with constructed RCC roofed residential building thereon with all the rights, privileges, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on:- East by : Property in Assessment No.110, West by : 25-0' Feet Road, North by : Site No.15, South by : Site No.17.

Sd/- **V.N. Rudresha & A.M.Rudreshi,**
R&R Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors,
No. 90/1, First Floor, 5th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
Mob: 9880435398
e-mail: rudreshvn@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru Date : 04.02.2026

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in) PUB/1878

CE/C/Plg&Sy/SC Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

SNo: 1 **NIT No:** EPC-01-CAO- C-SC-2026 Date: 30/01/2026 **Name of work:** South Central Railway (Construction Organization) - Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for "Doubling of Track between Mudkhed (MUE) and Basar (BSX) stations including Electrification and Signalling & Telecommunication works in Hyderabad Division of South-Central Railway in connection with Mudkhed-Medchal Doubling Project in the State of Maharashtra and Telangana". **Details: Estimated Cost: Rs. 696,05,06,048.20 EMD: Rs. 2,00,00,000.00 Completion Period: 30 (Thirty) Months. Date of Opening: 19/03/2026 15:00hrs.**

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in**. ii)Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender. iii)Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Admn.Officer/Const./ Secunderabad

Open e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/39/OEW/OT/ 2025-26 Dt.03.02.2026 PUB/1880

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to 15.00 hours on **24.02.2026**

S.No: 1. **e-Tender No.:** etender No. C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/39/OEW/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-39-OT-2025-26 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department : Schedule -A - Provision of rooftop solar plants of different capacities along with cleaning accessories on Station buildings, Cover over platforms, Service buildings, residential buildings over SC division. Schedule – B - Provision of Solar geyser, solar street lights, Solar pumps, and Occupancy sensors, energy saver for welding transformer to meet HQ action plan targets for the year of 2025-26 – Electrical arrangements. **Tender Value [Rs]:** 7,55,05,752.50 **EMD [Rs]:** 5,27,500.00 **CTF [Rs]:** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

1.Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at **"www.ireps.gov.in"** which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any. 2.The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEE(Maintenance), Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days. 3.The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Maintenance)/Secunderabad
A2379

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK

('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
E-mail.ID- sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in, Tel/Fax – 0671-2301751/2302751
No.34001/17/2526 Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 16 / 2025-26

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building work as mentioned below.
2. No. of work :- 01 No.
3. Nature of work :- Building work
4. Class of contractor :- **'B', 'A' Class**
5. Tender paper cost :- Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site. :- **From 09.02.2026 to 17.30 Hours of 23.02.2026**
7. Date of opening of bid :- **Dt.24.02.2026 at 11.00 Hours**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle
OIPR- 34001/34012/1/25-26/0017

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, BALANGIR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BALANGIR

e-mail-sebalangir@gmail.com
"e-Procurement Notice No.09 of 2025-26"
No.32001/17/2526 BID IDENTIFICATION NO.ACE, BOIC-09 of 2025-26

1. Nature of work : Civil Works
2. Number of works : 02 (Two)
3. Approximate amount put to tender. : Rs. 120.17 Lakh to 187.53 lakh (Excluding GST)
4. Class of Contractor : 'A' & 'B' Class
5. Period of completion : 12 (Twelve) Calendar months.
6. Date & time of availability of Bid document in the portal : Dt.11.02.2026 at 10.00 AM to 25.02.2026 up to 5.30 PM
7. Last date & time of seeking Tender clarification. : Dt.21.02.2026 up to 5.30 PM
8. Last date & time of receipt of Bids in the portal. : Dt.25.02.2026 up to 5.30 PM
9. Date, time & place of opening of Technical bids of Double Cover. : Dt.26.02.2026 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir
10. Date, time & place of opening of Financial BID : To be intimated after Evaluation of Technical BID
11. Name & address of the officer Inviting bid. : Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir, At- Laltikra, P.O- Rajendra College, Dist: Balangir, PIN-767002.
12. Any corrigendum required will be made available in Govt. web-site only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal- https://tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir
OIPR- 32001/32347/1/25-26/0017

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Dondapati Dayanidhi/ Ponukumati Suneetha/ H No 10-24 Chitkul Isnapur Rice Mill Road, Medak- 502319/ LBHYD00005328426	All That Semi-finished Flat No.102 (in First Floor) Of "ankush Projects", With Built Up Area Of 1650 Sq. Feet (including Common Area) And Car Parking Area Of 80 Sq. Feet, Along With An Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 69.00 Sq. Yards (out Of 600 Sq. Yards), Constructed On Plot Nos.248, 249 & 250, Forming Part Of Survey Nos.90 And 91, Situated At Khajaguda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Under Ghmc Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, And Bounded By: Boundaries Of Entire Plots North : Plot Nos.239, 240 And 241 South : 40'-0" Wide Road East : Plot No.247 West : Plot No.251 Boundaries Of Flat North : Open To Sky South : Open To Sky East : Corridor, Staircase & Lift West : Open To Sky	12/12/2025 Rs. 65,55,926.00/-	01/09/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 05, 2026
Place: Bangalore
Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

U19 WC: Aaron's classy ton powers India to final

Aaron George's silken hundred (115 off 104) seamlessly merged with the explosive fifties from IPL stars Vaibhav Sooryavanshi (68 off 33) and Ayush Mhatre (62 off 59) guided India to the ICC U19 World Cup final with a seven-wicket win over Afghanistan at Harare on Wednesday. India now face England in the summit clash here on Friday.

VIEW FROM GALLERY, NOT TOO GOOD

Watching a game of cricket at certain venues in India could be a punishment. Fans undergo myriad experiences from bizarre to 'filthy' all for love of the game. Though things are improving, a lot more can be done. **Swaroop Swaminthan** tries to put things in perspective

IN Pune, a section of the MCA Stadium ran out of water forcing fans into an altercation with police who were torn between wanting to help them and wanting to enforce discipline. It was a scene straight out of the Hunger Games: Indian cricket edition (2024).

In Bengaluru, just outside one of the gates of the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, fans, some of whom had begun queuing the previous night for an Indian Premier League (IPL) encounter, were greeted by a shuttered booth as the promise of physical ticket sales evaporated. Irate fans began demanding questions. Some cops resorted to lathi (2023).

In Chennai, fans were packed into a narrow queue like sardines next to the M Chidambaram Stadium on the eve of the second Covid Test between India and England. Physical distancing went for a toss as fans, feeling the effects of an already harsh early sun, were left to fend for themselves at a time when digital India was the flavour of the month (2021).

Two years later, scores of fans were looking forward to a holiday in Dharamsala with Test against Australia acting as the backdrop. Then, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) pulled the rug by moving that match to Indore with less than three weeks to go for the event. In the same year, officials didn't release the schedule of the 50-over World Cup till the 11th hour. Once then released it, they changed the dates (2023). All of this happened since the beginning of 2021. Not to mention that an IPL game was suspended midway because of blaring air raid sirens in cities close to Dharamsala as two nuclear-armed countries prepared for war on the skies. Some fans saw messages from their loved ones and began leaving the stadium before the officials decided to began the process of evacuation (2025).

In many sports across continents, the match-going fans are sport's ultimate stakeholders. Yet, this is the lived reality of the hundreds of thousands who watch cricket in Indian stadia all through the year.

(Top) Fans throng the ticket-counter at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack; Pune fans wait for water during a Test

2 DAYS TO GO

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026 #Fancorner

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Sometimes, just sometimes, Akshay Singh (name changed) wishes he wasn't that keen on following the game. He was so involved in cricket his twitter handle was named after a cricket terminology. But every time he wants to watch a game from the Stadium, he considers it 'punishment' because of what and all he has to go through, right from the disorderly queues, the bizarre rules around 'not being able to come back in once you leave' and 'getting roasted in the Sun if you watch a day game (in Kolkata, Pune)'. "You sell an IPL game for over ₹15 cr but you are telling me you can't afford to build a roof for the fans?"

He is fine with all of that because of 'my passion for the game'. What, though, really gets him is the fact that ticket info is so closely guarded, protected like family heirloom. "Nobody knows when it's going to be out and when it's put out, it gets sold out in 4-5 minutes," he says. He had been planning to watch the Afghanistan vs. New Zealand game in Chennai. "Once it opened, it disappeared in seconds. It's unreal that they opened sales of that match with less than one week to go for match. It's almost like the officials are telling us 'we don't want you here'." For the record, none of the tickets for the Super Eight matches have gone on sale yet.

So why is he there? "The atmosphere in Chennai is pretty good, plus it will be a good day out watching two really good teams. The ticket prices are cheap (when compared to other World Cups elsewhere)."

Credit where it's due because the BCCI have ensured that this tournament is going to be inclusive to most fans at a time when the economy is facing headwinds. Most tickets are priced from as low as ₹300 for the games in Chennai which is a decent price point. It's one of the major wins the BCCI and the state associations over the last few years. For example, in Kolkata, you could have watched an entire day's play between India and South Africa for ₹60. For context, you would have had to pay close to ₹15000 for a day of Test in England to watch India. For that amount, you can see an entire season's worth of Test matches in India and still have change for expensive coffee.

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Art Vandalay (name changed), Mumbai's North Stand Gang member, has been to all five WC stadia for matches across formats and tournaments. The one thing he would love to totally change is the issue around ticket sales. "For the Paris Games in 2024, I bought my first ticket in February 2023," he says. "The way cricket does its ticket sales in India is very bizarre. It's why nobody from outside India can ever plan to visit India for ICC events."

Avantika is another who points out the same issue. "The ticket-booking experience is the biggest tussle for a fan in India," she says. "When they are released to platforms, the booking platforms do not market and sell it in a way that it can be easily accessible. We have a long way to go here." For this World Cup, it looks like one positive change officials have made is the elimination of physical tickets for those who have purchased online tickets. There is an another area where all five World Cup Stadia get brownie points from the fans this daily spoke to. Access. In Chennai, suburban train services as well as the metro are within a stone's throw away. There is a metro or a suburban train connecting all five stadia (tramlines in Kolkata's case) so that is a huge positive. One area where Ahmedabad doesn't do all that well is getting into the actual stadium. The stadium itself is huge but there aren't a lot of gates to enter the stadium so Art has struggled to enter. "I was pushed around very badly, I hope it's something they look into." Another area with a 'can do better' rating are the state of the toilets. Both Art and Akshay say 'lesser said the better' while Avantika has found it clean in places like Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

In 2023, a woman went viral on twitter after posting about the 'absolutely disgusting toilets' in both Mumbai and Delhi. "Unclean," she posted. "Unimaginable filth, I had to explain to my then 8-year-old not to drink any more water until we exited the stadium."

Over the last two years or so, state associations have constantly worked on the aspect of cleanliness to bring it up to a certain standard. One area where Wankhede scores big is the 'unmatched atmosphere', according to both Avantika and Art. "Wankhede over any other stadium," Art says. "You get a consistent football crowd in a cricket stadium and that takes care of the atmosphere. Chennai is also a fairly good crowd, very vibrant."

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The cricket match may be the movie but fans are like music. Remove it very quickly loses its essence. Like poem without a purpose. The world saw it first hand when producers of live sport resorted to piped music during Covid to cover for the absence of fans. On TV, it sounded like the soul had been stripped out. AI noise.

The officials will do well to remember not to take them for granted.

GROUND REPORT

A LOOK AT ALL EIGHT VENUES THAT WILL HOST MATCHES DURING THE T20 WORLD CUP...

Capacity 35,000 approx

No. of matches 7

MA CHIDAMBARAM STADIUM, CHENNAI

The entire outfield has been relaid, drainage system has been upgraded as the second-oldest ground in the country gears up for yet another World Cup. Expect spinners to do well as always.

Capacity 1,20,000 approx

No. of matches 6#

NARENDRA MODI STADIUM, AHMEDABAD

The biggest ground in the country will host key ties including the final. The training facility has been moved to Ground B, where floodlights are installed & drainage system has been improved as well.

Capacity 35,000 approx

No. of matches 6

ARUN JAITLEY STADIUM, NEW DELHI

Though there have been no major renovations at this place. One of the venues where pitches may not be as flat, this stadium will have something for the bowlers, especially during the day games.

Capacity 65,000 approx

No. of matches 6*

EDEN GARDENS, KOLKATA

West Indies will kick-start their journey at the venue they last won in 2016. This iconic venue, too, has not had major upgrades. Over the next month, it will host some enthralling contests.

Capacity 33,000 approx

No. of matches 8

WANKHEDE STADIUM, MUMBAI

Indian cricket's heritage venue. Will host a potential India semifinal as well unless they play Pakistan. They are historically high-scoring and dew will play a major factor.

THE OTHER VENUES

R PREMADASA STADIUM, COLOMBO
8** No. of matches

SINHALESE SPORTS CLUB, COLOMBO
5 No. of matches

PALLEKELE STADIUM, KANDY
7 No. of matches

*Apart from six ties, Kolkata will host a semifinal if Pak doesn't qualify
**Premadasa will also host a semifinal and final if Pak qualify
Ahmedabad will also host the final if Pak doesn't qualify

DEBUTANT & FORMER WINNERS

Italy will be making their T20 WC bow while former champions England & West Indies will be looking to challenge for the crown yet again. A look at Group C...

England

On paper, they have a solid batting line-up and a quality spinner who can make a mark in Indian conditions. The form of Jos Buttler and the experience of Phil Salt will come in handy. Skipper Harry Brook is under immense pressure after Wellington debacle. And so is coach Brendon McCullum.

Best result: Winners (2010, 2022)

West Indies

Their reputation. One can never really rule out West Indies in this format. Several star players are coming into the WC in good form, including Shai Hope, Sherfane Rutherford and Nicholas Pooran. Their recent form remains an issue. In the last three series, West Indies have lost to New Zealand, Afghanistan and South Africa.

Best result: Winners (2012, 2014)

Scotland

They beat West Indies in 2022 edition and will face them in the first game. In 2024, they had two wins. They will look to improve that record in this edition. However, lack of game time going into this edition could hurt them. Until two weeks ago, they were not even in contention, but now they have replaced Bangladesh.

Best result: Super 12 (2021)

Nepal

They do not need much time to get acclimatised to the conditions. They also have a few spinners who could make a mark. They, too, will take confidence from the fact that they beat West Indies in a series only few months ago. Pitches early on will be batting friendly and they will need to step up with the bat big time.

Best result: Group Stages (2024)

Italy

Debut team coming in without any baggage. They have a few experienced players like JJ Smuts and Wayne Madsen and Harry Manenti is one to keep a close eye on. They may have better chance against Scotland and Nepal. Lack of big stage exposure against stronger opponents could hinder them. They have also changed captains, dropped Joe Burns who played a critical part in their qualification.

Best result: NA

Pak govt reiterate stance

ENS @ Chennai

THE Pakistan government reiterated their stance of not playing India at the upcoming T20 World Cup in Colombo on February 15. "We have taken a very clear stand on the T20 World Cup that we won't play the match against India because Pakistan said this a field of sports, not politic," their Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, reportedly said in an address to the cabinet on Wednesday. "There should be no politics on the sports field. We have taken a very considered stance, and we should completely stand by Bangladesh, and I think this is a very appropriate decision."

Sharif's address is interesting as it comes at a time when the ICC are still opening backchannel communications with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) with respect to changing their mind. The ICC needs that match to go ahead as it's the game's most lucrative match-up.

Nepal hoping to elevate to next level

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

FOR a country located along the side of the Himalayas, the love Nepal shares for cricket could challenge the mighty mountain ranges. The country may be spread across some 1,47,516 sq. km, but it would not be an understatement to say the collective passion the fans share could compete with the four major Asian cricketing countries — India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In short, the love and passion they share is similar to the cricketing powerhouse in the sub-continent.

Rain or shine, they will turn up with umbrellas in thousands to watch their team train and play in Deukhuri International Cricket Stadium, Lamahi, Dang. They also travel and support and cheer their team wherever they go. There is a reason why their captain Rohit Paudel calls them their "12th man".

When they made their World Cup debut in the USA and West Indies two years ago, Nepal lived a dream. The results did not come, but they got a taste of the big stage with their fans cheering for them in Dallas. And it was something they wanted to experience again. Nepal are warming up for the T20 World Cup here in Chennai. They beat the United Arab Emirates in the first warm-up, taking some confidence going into the tournament. What will also give them confidence is the fact that they have beaten West Indies last year. Rohit believes they have shown consistency over last three years when they played the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka. He feels it is time for them to show their ability at the biggest stage.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Esha makes golden return

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ESHA Singh navigated a tricky start to come out on top on Wednesday. In a high-pressure final of the women's 10m air pistol category on Day 1 of the Asian Shooting Championship, the shooter from Hyderabad displayed nerves of steel in the closing stages to beat two rivals from Chinese Taipei to capture gold, which was her second individual gold in the continental meet. In the men's equivalent, world champion Samrat Rana captured a bronze medal.

Esha, after a watchful start, came up with impressive returns in the business end to finish with a tally of 239.8. Taipei's Cheng Yen-Ching, who was also in contention for the top prize, returned with low hits in the last two shots to settle for silver. Her compatriot Ai-Wen Yu captured bronze. In the men's final, Uzbekistan's Vladimir Svechnikov pipped Valeriy Rakhimzhan for gold.

Lift for Mirabai before CWG, Asiad challenges

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE snatch lift has perennially been the Achilles' heel of star Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu. Despite winning the World Championships (48kg) in 2017 and a silver medal at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics (49kg), the Manipur lifter's personal best in the snatch section was 88kg.

Not anymore as she crossed the 88kg barrier on Day 1 of the National Weightlifting Championship in Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday. By lifting 89kg, she also set a new national record and didn't stop there as she went on to heave 116kg in the clean and jerk making it a total lift of 205kg clinching the gold. All three are now national records. She was competing in the 48kg. Mirabai made the switch from 49kg after the International Weightlifting Federation rejigged the weight divisions for the 2028 LA Games. These are good signs for Mirabai and the country especially with two big events — Commonwealth Games and Asian Games — lined up this year. The immediate next tournament for the lifter is Asian Championships and her coach Vijay Sharma expects a better show there ahead of the CWG and Asiad.

"The result is very satisfactory," a relieved Sharma told this daily. She started the snatch section with the successful lift of 86kg and improved it to 89kg. She then attempted 91kg but could complete the lift. "The preparations ahead of the nationals were in this direction only. She tried to clear the 90kg mark but that didn't happen. But we are not worried as she is in the best shape now and will clear the 90kg barrier in the Asian Championships. India will host the continental championship from April 1 to 10 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Hold polls without delay: FEI to EFI

CHENNAI: The International Equestrian Federation (FEI) has directed the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) to hold the elections without delay. The FEI has taken note of India's new National Sports Governance Act 2025 that came into force from January 1. **Full story by Indraneel Das: newindianexpress.com**

Hitesh, Preeti power India's good start

LA NUCIA (SPAIN): Hitesh Gulia (70kg) and Preeti (54kg) post commanding wins as India opened its campaign in emphatic fashion at the Boxam Elite International 2026. Hitesh was in complete control in the elite men's 70kg bout, dispatching the Netherlands' Finn Bos with a 5:0 verdict.

Kishan takes opening duties in warm-up

NAVI MUMBAI: Ishan Kishan opened the batting with Abhishek Sharma instead of Sanju Samson as India beat South Africa by 30 runs in the T20 World Cup warm-up tie here on Wednesday. It could be indication of Kishan replacing out of form Sanju Samson in the the playing XI when they play USA on Feb 7.

Arsenal sink Chelsea to reach Cup final

LONDON: Arsenal reached the League Cup final for the first time in eight years as Kai Havertz sealed a 1-0 win against Chelsea in the semi-final second leg.Havertz came off the bench to finish the 4-2 aggregate win. Meanwhile, Barcelona reached the Copa del Rey semifinals with a 2-1 win at Albacete on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

All-Indian clash as Jemimah, Smriti eye crown

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

WHEN both Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues lead their respective sides Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals in the 2026 Women's Premier League final on Thursday, it will have added significance. For the first time since its inception, the tournament will have two Indian captains — the two batters who are seen as future India skippers. Mandhana, who is currently the vice-captain, is already in line to take over from Harmanpreet Kaur and has led the country in the past. On the other hand, Jemimah has come of age over the last few months.

The other interesting aspect about the final is the contrasting roads to the final. So far, Mandhana's side have been dominant both with bat and ball. Australian all-rounder Grace Harris has been relentless as an opener. Apart from a few single-digit scores, she has been the aggressor. Mandhana is coming off her best year across all formats, making sizable contributions (290 runs).

When the top-order batters returned with meagre runs, the middle-order has come to the rescue in most games.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

DISCOVER DELHI!

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE *Tourism Summit* hosted by *The New Indian Express* at ITC Grand Chola brought together policymakers, tourism professionals, historians, artists and cultural practitioners for a wide-ranging conversation on how India travels, remembers and reimagines itself. In 2026, Delhi will have moved beyond being a mere stopover city. Delhi's tourism narrative was explored by Kapil Mishra, Minister of Tourism, *Government of Delhi*, who reflected on the capital's layered history and the challenge of being seen largely as a transit city despite housing lots of protected heritage sites. He touched upon efforts to activate cultural spaces and reposition Delhi as a destination in its own right.

Drawing cues from the concept, we explored more of the city's modern-day tourism offerings. Under the theme *Dilli Ka Dil Dekho*, the *Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation* (*DTTDC*) has launched a strategic rebranding to showcase the city as a global heritage destination. The seven histories concept is the backbone of this initiative, focusing on the seven historical urban settlements that form the layers of modern-day Delhi. Rather than just visiting monuments, these are now being marketed as living experiential circuits with dedicated walking tours and night illuminations.

Qila Rai Pithora in Mehrauli focuses on *Mehrauli Archaeological Park*, revamped walking trails through Rajput and early Sultanate ruins. Siri in Hauz Khas boasts Hauz Khas Village 2.0 — integration of the 14th-century reservoir with curated night-time *Light & Sound* heritage walks. Tughlaqabad in South Delhi is promoting *Sham-e-Tughlaqabad*, new sunset tours of the massive stone fortifications and Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq's mausoleum. Jahanpanah will focus on The Fourth City through guided visits to the Begumpur Mosque and the unique Khirki Mosque.

Firozabad's *Djinns of Kotla* tour is an evening experience exploring the mystical and haunted folklore of the 14th-century citadel. Shergarh in Purana Qila takes you through partition diaries, immersive storytelling walks at the Old Fort that blend medieval history with its role during the 1947 partition. Even the *National War Memorial & Kartavya Path* are fully integrated into the walk circuit, offering a martyrs' memory experience. Lastly, during 2024 walk festival, Shahjahanabad in old Delhi offered *Purani Dilli ke Bashinde*, deep-dive walks into the lanes of Mughals, focusing on hereditary musicians, *hakims* and 300-year-old culinary lineages.Beyond the ancient walls, 2026 features several modern hearts of the city. Baansera, Delhi's first bamboo park, is a sprawling riverside eco-park on the Yamuna banks featuring bamboo structures, musical fountains and open-air cafés. Recently, they even announced the possible introduction of Kashmir-style boats. The *Bharat Future City Corridor* is another massive urban development project near the Dwarka-Gurugram border, housing Yashobhoomi, a world-class convention centre and new leisure hubs. The government is also encouraging the conversion of *havelis* in Shahjahanabad into luxury boutique hotels to allow tourists to sleep within the history. *DTTDC* now uses a data-driven app that provides real-time crowd-flow mapping, helping you avoid long queues at the Red Fort or Qutb Minar. The hospitality landscape is also booming toward the Delhi-NCR belt, with massive properties nearing completion.

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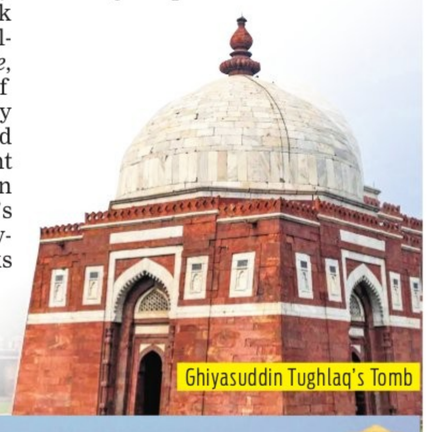

Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq's Tomb

National War Memorial

Mehrauli Archaeological Park

Red Fort

TRAVEL DIARY

WORLD'S FIRST *GLOBAL BIG CAT SUMMIT* TO HAPPEN SOON!

India to host the world's first *Global Big Cat Summit* in 2026, as announced in the 2026-27 Union Budget. Organised under the *International Big Cat Alliance*, the event will gather leaders and ministers from 95 range countries in New Delhi. The summit aims to formalise collective strategies for protecting seven species of wild cats, leveraging India's conservation success to bolster global biodiversity, climate resilience and anti-poaching efforts. Takeaways from this summit could influence how India and the world conduct safaris in the near future.

MUMBAI'S SECOND AIRPORT IS NOW RUNNING 24/7

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Smt. P. Swarnalatha, Aged about 62 Years, Wife of Sri. V. Prasannakumar Setty, Residing at No.287/1, Near SRP Industries, Kanakapura Road, Sarakki gate, Bengaluru – 560 078, has lost the original Sale Deed, dated 18.12.1989, registered on 26.03.1990, registered as document No.3999/1989-90, Volume No.94, Pages No.59 to 64, Book No. I, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Site No.5, V.P. Katha No.313, House List No.287/1, Situated at Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet an North to South 20 feet and bounded on the East by: Site No.4, West by: Property No.6, North by: Private Property, and South by: remaining portion of same Site No.5 to Sri.K.N.Nagabhushan Gupta, while travelling. If the same is found by anybody you are hereby requested to hand over the same to the undersigned.

K.S. SREEKANTHA, Advocate,
No.30, "Ramakrishnappa Building"
2nd Main, 7th Cross, N.R. Colony,
Bangalore- 560 004.
Mob:- 98455 83875.

Place: Bengaluru, Date : 04.02.2026.

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Mrs. Varsha Bagri Employee ID 219421,Staff Officer (JMG-I), SME-City Centre (Bengaluru) Bengaluru . Local Address Eta Star the Gardens Apartment C 506, No. 9 Magadi Road Bengaluru, Karnataka 560023. Home Town & Permanent Address 13 Mall Road Mall Enclave B 4040 Kolkata West Bengal 700080. Disciplinary action for acts of major misconduct alleged to have been committed by you during your tenure at Bank's SME-City Centre (Bengaluru), Bengaluru Zone. from **20.04.2021** till date, has been initiated against you. Accordingly, Articles of Charge (AOC) bearing **Ref. No. HO:CDAD KAR-UA FGMO-HYD: 4696** under cover of Memorandum bearing **Ref. No. HO:CDAD KAR-UA:FGMO-HYD.4700** both dated **15.10.2025** along with enclosures was issued to you for your acts of remaining unauthorisedly absent for a period of **733** days, during the period from 14.10.2023 till date of AOC i e. **15.10.2025.**The said Articles of Charge along with its enclosures were sent to your addresses as per banks records, by Speed post (consignment No. EK741460181IN) which was returned back as undelivered at:13 Mali Road Mall Enclave, Kolkata, West Bengal 700080.By this Notice, you are hereby advised to collect the said Articles of Charge dated **15.10.2025** along with its enclosures from HR Department. Bengaluru Zonal Office during working hours within 10 days of publication of this Notice: **Address of Zonal Office Bengaluru Zonal Office, No. 11, K G Roas Bengaluru-560009**. Thereafter submit your reply, if any, to the Articles of Charge, failing which Bank shall proceed as per extant guidelines in the matter without further notice to You.

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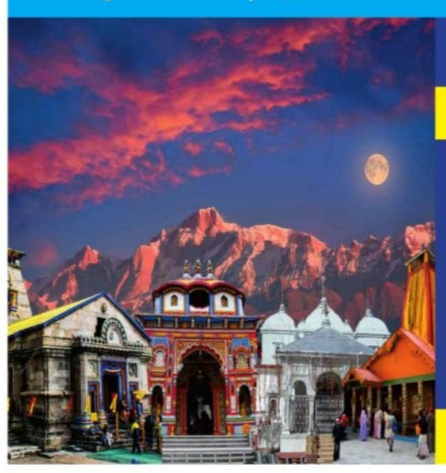

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SBFC Finance Limited.** We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, in the books of **SBFC** as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SBFC Finance Limited** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within **60 days** from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower / Address	Date of Demand Notice & NPA	Loan No. and Outstanding Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
1	**1. Sri Lakshminarasimha Condiments (Applicant), 2. RM Mahadev, 3. Yashoda V (Co-Applicants),** having address at D Cross, Dr Rajkumar Circle, oddaballapura-561203. **And Also, At:** 1a. Sri Lakshminarasimha Condiments (Applicant), 33/b, Nagadenahalli Post, Ragunathapura Dodballapura, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-561203. **And Also, At:** 1b. Sri Lakshminarasimha Condiments (Applicant) Site No.206/1, CMC PID No.1-8-666-305, Old PID No.5719/206/1, Nirdarana No.53175DBPOC20122019, Situated at Rajeev Gandhi Asharaya Layout, 2nd Phase, 1st Ward, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District, Pincode-561 203.	**Demand Notice Date: 14th January 2026, NPA date: 03rd January 2026**	**Loan Account No. 4021060000052090 (PR00861335) & 4021060000150190 (PR01089713), Loan Amount of Rs. 25,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Only) **Out of which Rs. 20,00,000/- for Facility Agreement No. 4021060000052090 (PR00861335) and Rs.5,00,000/- for Facility Agreement No. 4021060000150190 (PR01089713). Total Outstanding amount: Rs.26,66,026/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lacs Sixty Six Thousand Twenty Six Only) **as on 08th January, 2026,** plus unapplied interest from the date of 09th January, 2026.	All that the piece & parcel of Property Bearing in Site No.206/1, CMC PID No. 1-8-666-305, Old PID No.5719/ 206/1, Nirdarana No.53175DBPOC 20122019, Situated at Rajeev Gandhi Asharaya Layout, 2nd Phase, 1st Ward, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District, Mearuring East to West: 30 Feet (9.14 Mtr) and North to South: 20 Feet (6.09 Mtr), Totally Measuring 600 sq.feet., Pincode-561 203. And **bounded By: East :** Road, **West:** PID No.1-8-665-286, Site No.219, **North:** PID No.1-8-665-286, Site No.207, **South:** PID No.1-8-665-286, Site No.205.
2	**1. Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Provision Store (Applicant), 2. Mamatha M V(Co-Applicant 1), 3. Girish Kumar J (Co-Applicant 2),** Having address at; # 190, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Byatarayanpura, Banglore, Karnataka 560092. **And Also, At:** 1a. Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Provision Store (Applicant) Katha No 178/180/209/22, situated at Byatarayanpura Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, 560092.	**Demand Notice Date: 14th Jan 2026 NPA Date: 03rd Jan 2026**	Loan Account No. 4021060000098620 (PR00976155), Loan Amount of Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only) **vide Facility Agreement No. 4021060000098620 (PR00976155), Loan Outstanding Amount of Rs.22,34,398/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Eight only) **as on 08th Jan 2026,** plus unapplied interest from the date of 09th Jan 2026.	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Gramatana Katha No 178/180/209/22, situated at Byatarayanpura Village, Yelahanka, Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, 560092, measuring East to West : 25feet, North to South : 26 feet, totally measuring 650 sq feet **Bounded by: East:** Road, **West:** Gramatana Road, **North:** Gramatana Road, **South:** B.T. Nagappa House.
3	**1. Madhi Enterprises Dyeing Sub Contractor, 2. Madhivanan S, 3. M Vimala,** Having Address At: No.79, 7th Cross, Neelasandra, Bangalore, Bengalore Urban- 560 047.And Also, At: 1a. Madhi Enterprises Dyeing Sub Contractor, Property Bearing Site No.1/1, Bbmp Khatha No.79/6, Ground Floor, Situated At 8th Cross, Rose Garden, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047.	**Demand Notice Date: Date: 14th January 2026 NPA Date: 03-January-2026**	**Loan Account No. 4021060000050101-C (PR00854947), Loan Amount of Rs. 18,00,000/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lac Only) **for Facility Agreement No. 4021060000050101-C (PR00854947), Loan Outstanding Amount of Rs.18,90,744/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lac Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Only) **as on 09th January 2026** plus unapplied interest from the date of 10th January 2026.	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No.1/1, Bbmp Khatha No.79/6, Ground Floor, Situated At 8th Cross, Rose Garden, Neelasandra, Bengalore-560 047, In Part Of Measuring East To West: 40 Feet And North To South: 30 Feet, In All Measuring 1200 Square Feet, Consists Of One Hall, One Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom With Attached Toilet, Provided With Electricity And Water Facilities In The Said Premises. Boundary of the aforesaid property: **Towards East:** Malakondaiah House, **Towards West:** Road. **Towards North:** Vasathamma House, **Towards South:** Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

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DAY'S DIARY

Happy Birthday!

Cristiano Ronaldo, one of the greatest footballers, was born on this day in 1985, the youngest in a Portuguese family

AN EARLY START

From a young age, he chose to pursue football as a career and started playing for local team, Andorinha, where his father worked as a part-time kit man

A LEGEND'S MENTORSHIP

Ronaldo joined Premier League giants, Manchester United, in 2003 and under the guidance of Alex Ferguson, he developed into a world-class player

THE G.O.A.T

He holds the records for most goals scored and most matches played in international football, since his debut for Portugal in 2003

What's happening in Bengaluru

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ANNYEONG FLAVOURS!

With her food showcases, chef Eunyoung, wife of Marc Lamy, the Consul General of France in Bengaluru, is bringing to the fore flavours of Korean home cooking to the city that goes far beyond the 'viral' food trends and stresses on better understanding of the cuisine

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

OVER the weekend, a dining room in the city took on a calm, reflective mood, with focus on balance, clarity and the comfort of Korean home cooking. At the centre of it all was chef **Eunyoung**, whose two-day Korean pop-up dubbed 'K-Flavour Carnival', unfolded like an invitation to sit, assemble, taste and understand hansik (Korean cuisine).

For many diners, this was their first real introduction to Korean food beyond what they had seen on screens. Eunyoung kept things simple, letting the flavours speak for themselves. Also featuring soy garlic mushroom gangjeong, stir-fried Korean sweet potato glass noodles, braised tofu, Korean seafood pancake, Korean BBQ and other delicacies, the menu was built around bibimbap, where guests could assemble their own bowls with vegetables, proteins, grains and fermented condiments, discovering Korean tastes in a way that felt natural. "Bibimbap is how Korean food is meant to be enjoyed. There's no single star on the plate. Everything comes together and each person's bowl tastes a little different," she says. The interactive format encouraged diners to engage with the food, making the experience feel personal and approachable. The pop-up also challenged common assumptions about Korean cuisine being meat-heavy. "Korean cuisine is traditionally vegetable-driven. Many of its foundations come from temple food and home-style cooking, where vegetables, grains and fermentation play a central role. For this menu, vegetarian options were not treated as alternatives but as an authentic part of Korean cuisine," she shares, stressing that the focus was on depth of flavour rather than substitution.

This thoughtful presentation at Grand Mercure Bangalore, Koramangala, mirrored Eunyoung's life across cultures. Also being the wife of Marc Lamy, the Consul General of France in Bengaluru, she has spent years navigating international environments of Sri Lanka, China, Hong Kong, Africa, where food became a bridge. The cross-cultural experiences inform her cooking philosophy that values clarity over novelty and sincerity over trend.

Though global interest in Korean culture has surged through K-pop, K-drama and cinema, Eunyoung was careful not to design a menu driven by recognisable 'screen foods'. She instead focused on the everyday structure of Korean meals with rice at the centre, supported by veggies, seasonings and fermented elements – from the universality of how Koreans actually eat. Equally important was the idea of sharing. Korean meals traditionally arrive as a constellation of dishes meant to be eaten together, highlighting values of care and community.

And what about her comfort food? The answer is simple – "Kimchi Jjigae. A gently-simmered stew of well fermented kimchi, generous pieces of pork and delicate tofu cooked slowly in an earthenware pot. After a long journey abroad or on days when my body feels depleted, a freshly prepared bowl of kimchi jjigae served with warm white rice has a quiet restorative power. It carries memories of my mother's cooking and the care embedded in her hands. It eases homesickness and reconnects me to home."

Adapting Korean food for different regions, she believes, has to have a careful balance. While ingredients and presentation may shift to suit local tastes and dining habits, the soul of the dish must remain just right. Key Korean seasoning, particularly salt and red pepper powder, is non-negotiable, anchoring each recipe in its original flavour profile, as she shares, "These help maintain the identity of the cuisine. Cultural differences can sometimes be significant, so I adapt ingredients and serving styles to local tastes and customs while preserving the simple, harmonious characteristics of Korean cuisine."

Introducing Korean cuisine to new audiences comes with both opportunity and responsibility. While global curiosity is at an all-time high, the challenge lies in moving far from fleeting trends. "My goal is to guide audiences towards a deeper understanding and appreciation of Korean cuisine, so that their interest develops into lasting knowledge and connection," Eunyoung hopes.

THE BEST OF FOUR WORLDS

'Twas a delicious intersection of four distinct cultures – Italian tradition, Japanese precision and Vietnamese heritage, all served up on plates with Indian warmth. The Japanese Ambassador to India, Ono Keiichi, recently experienced this unique culinary fusion at the city's Pizza 4P's and shared a picture of himself with his team – all smiles – from the food spot on X. The Ambassador didn't mince his words, calling it "easily the best pizza" he has had in India so far! Seemingly, laughter flowed as easily as the melted cheese, the slices serving as a perfect reminder that food is the ultimate universal language. Interestingly, the restaurant's journey is as layered as its toppings, having been founded by Japanese entrepreneurs in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City before expanding its horizons to Bengaluru.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengaluru cityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1) City Market Junction;
2) Bangalore Cantonment;
3) Hesaraghatta Lake

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Chitra Ramaswamy;
2) Jyoti P;
3) Prathap VP

CITY READ

Award presented for exceptional achievement

Yogish Krishnappa, chairman of Sharada Group of Institutions, Attibele, was presented with the Pride of Karnataka award at an event held at the Press Club of Bengaluru, Cubbon Park, for his commitment to bringing about innovative changes and promoting holistic development. The award honours and commemorates the exceptional achievements of people and institutions that have had a major influence on Karnataka's development and progress. The ceremony was graced by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and other ministers, who congratulated the awardees.

XPRESS FOCUS

Dr Chetan Kumar Mehta urges Karnataka government to back Atmanirbhar Bharat with a jewellery park in Bengaluru

Dr. Chetan Kumar Mehta, Chairman and Managing Director of Laxmi Diamonds, Bengaluru, represents a strand of Indian entrepreneurship that is rooted less in spectacle and more in steady institution-building. Founded in 2007, Laxmi Diamonds has grown as a manufacturing-led enterprise focused on closed-setting diamond jewellery, a traditional craft form closely associated with South India. Mehta's public interventions today are shaped not by personal ambition alone, but by a wider concern for the future of India's gems and jewellery sector within the framework of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.

India's gems and jewellery industry contributes

an estimated seven to eight per cent to the national GDP, yet manufacturing continues to face structural constraints. Mehta argues that self-reliance in this sector cannot be achieved through slogans, but through administrative reform. His primary appeal to the government is for genuine ease of manufacturing, beginning with single-window clearances. According to him, a streamlined approval process would send a clear signal to global markets that India is serious about becoming a world leader not only in jewellery retail, but in manufacturing excellence.

At the heart of his submission to the Karnataka government is a proposal for a dedicated jewellery park. Mehta has formally requested Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to allocate land for such a facility in or around Bengaluru. The idea, he says, is not merely to cluster factories, but to create an ecosystem where artisans, designers, manufacturers, logistics providers and compliance authorities operate in close coordination. This, he believes, would significantly reduce costs, improve transparency and enhance competitiveness.

Bengaluru's role in the jewellery economy is often understated. Mehta points out that the city is currently the country's largest producer of closed-setting jewellery. A substantial share of silver articles, nakash or temple jewellery work is manufactured here. Over the years, manufacturing activity that once gravitated towards centres like Coimbatore or Hyderabad has steadily consolidated in Bengaluru. In this context, a jewellery park is not

an aspirational project, but an acknowledgment of an existing industrial reality that requires policy support.

Mehta's argument also touches on the cultural dimension of manufacturing. He stresses that jewellery is not only about gold, silver or diamonds, but about emotion, memory and heritage. Handcrafted jewellery, especially forms with historical and religious significance, carries value beyond material cost. In an era of fast-turnaround designs and mass production, he believes the government must actively promote heritage craftsmanship, ensuring that traditional skills are preserved even as technology upgrades manufacturing processes.

Laxmi Diamonds' own business philosophy reflects this approach. The company has remained focused on a single category - closed-setting diamond jewellery - rather than diversifying aggressively. Mehta describes this as a conscious decision to specialise, build depth, and maintain consistency in quality. The firm works largely in 18 and 22 carat formats, aligning with

traditional preferences while maintaining compliance with modern standards. Ethical practices, regulatory adherence and system-driven operations, he says, are non-negotiable.

Mehta's journey in the industry began without inherited advantage. In the early years, he travelled extensively, meeting retailers one by one, often facing rejection. These experiences, he recalls, shaped his belief that institutions are built through patience and credibility rather than rapid expansion. That perspective now informs his engagement with policy, where he advocates gradual but decisive reforms instead of fragmented incentives.

Beyond manufacturing, Mehta sees employment generation as central to Atmanirbhar Bharat. Jewellery manufacturing is labour-intensive and has the capacity to absorb skilled and semi-skilled workers at scale. A well-planned jewellery park, he argues, would create sustained livelihoods, support artisan families and strengthen ancillary industries. For Karnataka, this would mean not just industrial growth, but social stability linked to dignified work.

Importantly, Mehta does not position his appeals as demands. He frames them as prayers to the state, grounded in practical experience and collective interest. His emphasis remains on collaboration between industry and government, where policy enables enterprise and enterprise, in turn, strengthens the economy.

In this sense, Mehta's engagement reflects a broader shift within Indian industry, where entrepreneurs increasingly view policy dialogue as part of their professional responsibility. Rather than seeking individual concessions, his focus remains on building shared infrastructure and predictable systems. For a sector that blends tradition with modern enterprise, such an approach may prove critical. Whether or not a jewellery park materialises soon, his interventions highlight the need to treat manufacturing as a strategic priority, aligned with India's economic self-confidence and Karnataka's long-standing artisanal strengths and employment.

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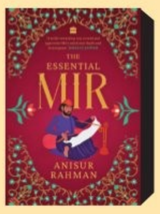

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This one-of-a-kind collection presents two hundred of Mir's best verses, meticulously selected and translated by the author, along with critical commentary to help modern readers appreciate the context.

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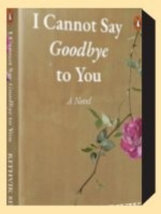

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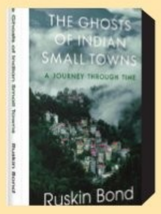

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by Ruskin Bond

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Yaksha Rangayana's actors perform *Mahatmara Baravigaagi*, the Kannada adaptation of *Waiting for the Mahatma* by RK Narayan, exploring themes of the freedom struggle and Gandhi's influence on it | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

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- **Chia seeds:** 3 tbsp
- **Mango pulp:** ½ cup
- **Flax seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Yoghurt:** 1 cup
- **Rolled oats:** 2 tbsp
- **Honey (optional):** 1 tsp

Toppings: Pomegranate seeds, chopped almonds, and mint leaves.

METHOD

- Soak chia seeds and oats in yoghurt overnight (or at least 4 hours).
- In the morning, mix in mango pulp and flaxseed powder.
- Top with pomegranate seeds, almonds and mint.

Contributed by **K S Radha,** Kochi

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The writer is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

What are some practical ways to manage stress eating without feeling restricted?

A practical way to manage stress eating is exercising because it releases endorphins, which relax the mind and reduce the production of cortisol (the stress hormone). Exercise is known to give you that runner's high and bring that happy factor.

- Training your mind and being willing to make that change is important.
- Keep in mind that emotional eating is a temporary solution which will lead to weight gain and open the door to diabetes, high cholesterol, fatty liver and other lifestyle diseases.

ASK AN XPERT

- If you're feeling agitated, even at work, perform deep breathing exercises anywhere, anytime, until your body relaxes.
- Pranayama and box breathing are some options. The simplest way is to inhale, inflating the stomach, and exhale, deflating the stomach. There's also diaphragm breathing, mudra breathing, and other techniques you can try instead of reaching to food for emotional comfort

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PROVEN LIFESTYLE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY

1. EAT SENSIBLY

- Avoid saturated fats and trans fats, which raise bad LDL cholesterol.
- Check food labels.
- Replace high-fat meats and unhealthy snacks with fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Include good fats like omega-3 and omega-6.

2. CHOOSE THE RIGHT COOKING OILS

- Use least processed, quality oils (mustard,rice bran, sesame, or olive oil).
- Do not reuse cooking oil, as repeated heating creates trans fats.
- Be mindful with olive oil – avoid high-heat cooking with extra-virgin varieties.

3. CUT DOWN ON SUGAR

- Limit all forms of dietary sugar and refined carbs.
- Minimise sugar to control weight, blood sugar, and lipid levels.

4. EAT MORE FIBRE

- A high-fibre diet supports cholesterol control and heart protection.
- Include whole grains, fresh fruits, and vegetables over processed foods.

5. WALK / EXERCISE DAILY

- Aim for at least 40 minutes of moderate physical activity such as brisk walking each day.

6. MAINTAIN HEALTHY BODY WEIGHT

- Aim at calorie restriction to maintain a healthy weight.
- Goal should be over complete foods (healthy carbs, proteins, and fats), over empty calories like processed, fried and sugary foods.

7. DE-STRESS AND RELAX

- Chronic stress negatively affects the heart.
- Stress management can include hobbies like walking, meditation, yoga, social interaction, or music.

8. CONTROL BLOOD PRESSURE

- High blood pressure increases cardiac workload and accelerates plaque build-up in arteries.
- Monitor pressure regularly, reduce excess sodium intake.
- Aim at adding more potassium foods like fresh fruits & vegetables.

9. KEEP BLOOD SUGAR IN CHECK

- Diabetes increases heart disease risk; tight glucose control is essential.
- Physical activity helps reduce blood sugar.
- Avoid high sugary foods to reduce triglyceride levels.

10. ABSTAIN FROM SMOKING

- Smoking more than doubles the risk of heart attack and accelerates arterial plaque formation.
- It also reduces levels of heart-protective HDL cholesterol.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult—a fitness and wellness platform

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Classic Renewed

Experience a reimagining of the classic Kannada play *Sadarame* as *Miss Sadarame* by theatre personality KV Subbanna. The story follows an innocent girl and a prince navigating a world of greed. Through wit and grit, Sadarame outsmarts cunning travelers in this satirical performance that critiques modern society through drama and comedy.

WHEN: February 5, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: rangashankara.org

Battle of Brains

Put your strategy and focus to the test against fellow chess enthusiasts in a friendly, competitive environment. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, sharpen your skills and enjoy the classic game.

WHEN: February 5 onwards, 1pm
WHERE: Big Bean Cafe, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Lore and Laughs

Relish a high-energy evening of spontaneous storytelling and unscripted stagecraft. This community-theatre troupe brings nostalgia to life through witty games, riddles and tongue twisters. Expect a wholesome, whimsical show where every story is fresh, playful and entirely unplanned.

WHEN: February 6, 9pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Indiranagar
DETAILS: underline.center

Whiskers in Canvas

Join artist and lecturer Priyankar Gupta for a zine-making workshop inspired by the ongoing exhibition 'The Many Lives of the Cat'. Explore how art and satire merge to reimagine the cat as a keen observer of society

WHEN: February 7, 11.30am
WHERE: Museum of Art and Photography, Kasturba Road
DETAILS: map-india.org

Wine Down

Be a part of this 14-seater dive bar, offering a welcoming backyard vibe. Enjoy curated wines paired with Japanese small plates by Naru Noodle Bar. Reservations are highly recommended for this intimate experience.

WHEN: February 5, 5pm onwards
WHERE: Wine In Progress, Sudhama Nagar **DETAILS:** urbanaut.app

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WHEN: February 6 to 15, 10am onwards
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Artist Aayushi portrays a golden serpent amid flowers in bloom, symbolising release and renewal

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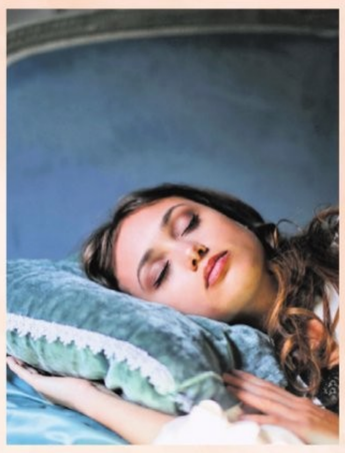

Australian health educator Barbara O'Neill gets vocal on why healing begins with understanding the body & what modern lifestyle gets wrong, ahead of her city session

ANJALI RAM

At a time when wellness is all about shortcuts, supplements and sweeping promises, natural health educator **Barbara O'Neill**'s approach feels almost old-fashioned. There are no quick fixes on offer or dramatic before-and-after claims; her ideas, instead, are rooted in a simple belief – that the human body already knows how to heal, if only we let it simply be.

Ahead of her Bengaluru session titled 'Healing Blueprint' which will be held today at the JN Tata Auditorium, IISc, the internationally-renowned health educator, naturopath, nutritionist and speaker, who prefers to be called a teacher rather than a healer, gets candid as she says, "Many believe the only option is drugs. But there are many more. The body alone has the power to heal, I just help people understand how to give it the right conditions." Her approach is rooted in daily maintenance such as hydration, nourishment, rest, movement and sunlight – which she believes allow the body to do what it already knows how to do.

O'Neill traces this philosophy back to her early 20s, when she began questioning the default response to all illness. "As a child, I was taught that when you get sick, you go to the doctor who prescribes a drug. When my children were young, I didn't want to keep doing that but neither did I know what else to do," she shares. That uncertainty pushed her to seek answers elsewhere – from older generations, traditional practices and history itself.

Before drug medication became common – mostly in the last 100-150 years – people had 'skills'. It's this gap that O'Neill has spent more than four decades trying to share information that allows people to participate in their own care. At the Healing Blueprint session, she will focus on unpacking this 'philosophy' through three interconnected areas – gut health, skin and hormones. "When hormones are out of balance, something has caused it. I like to investigate why," she says, adding that the skin often reflects hydration and nutrition, while gut health determines how well the body processes and absorbs what it's given.

However, modern life works against these basics, having become all about survival through overwork, long hours, poor sleep, irregular meals and constant stimulation which leaves little room for recovery. "We all want a quick cure. But sometimes the answer is to stop. If we don't listen to the body's whispers, it starts screaming," the 72-year-old advises, stressing that proper sleep and time away from work are among the most missing conditions today.

According to her, conflicting health information and misconceptions around urban lifestyles, have also added to the existing confusion. While easy access to information can be empowering, it can also overwhelm, she notes. "If something hasn't hurt you and it's a well-tried method, sometimes it just needs time," emphasises O'Neill who only teaches what she has personally tested or seen work over years of practice.

Another widely-misunderstood concept when it comes to wellness is detox, as she states, "The body not only self-heals, it's also self-cleans. At night it detoxes; if you eat late and heavy, the body can't clean house. Short, regular fasts work better than extreme detoxes. The 'morning breath' as it's called is not such a bad thing," she says.

Amidst all this, O'Neill is careful to draw distinctions when it comes to modern medicine. While she credits life-saving drugs in emergencies, she questions their use as everyday solutions. "Drugs are invaluable in a crisis, however, the problem is when they spill into daily life," she highlights.

With a vast ocean of information and much confusion around wellness and healing, she hopes audiences in Bengaluru leave with a simple reassuring thought. "I want them to trust their body again. And to ask 'What can I do to give it the conditions it needs to heal?" she concludes.

Sili-cough-sis!

All about this occupational lung disease

DARSHITA JAIN

SILICOSIS is an illness that builds over years, until breathing becomes a struggle. Caused by inhaling fine particles of crystalline silica, this occupational lung disease affects workers in industries such as construction, mining and sandblasting.

Dr P Raghavendra Reddy, consultant interventional pulmonologist, says, "Unlike dust particles, these 'micro-dust' particles travel deep into the air sacs of the lungs." Dr G Ratnakara Rao, consultant pulmonologist adds, "The damage once done is largely irreversible, making early detection critical."

What makes silicosis cruel is how silent it can be initially. According to Dr Reddy, most feel almost normal at first. "With disease progression, progressive pulmonary fibrosis impairs gas exchange, resulting in exertional dyspnea, chronic cough and fatigue. Follow-up should be initiated within 3-6 months of diagnosis, followed by reassessment every 6-12 months," Dr Reddy says.

On treatment, Dr Rao is clear-eyed but practical. "There is no cure that can reverse silicosis, but treatment focuses on controlling symptoms – inhalers, medications and treatment of respiratory infections. Oxygen therapy may be needed in advanced cases. Vaccinations against influenza and pneumonia are recommended."

Precautions that patients must take, Dr Rao narrates, "Patients must avoid further exposure to silica dust at all costs. This may mean changing the work environment or even the job itself. Using proper protective equipment, such as certified masks or respirators, is vital. Quitting smoking is extremely important, as smoking accelerates lung damage. Maintaining good nutrition, staying physically active within one's limits, and attending regular medical follow-ups also help in long-term management."

Silicosis is not just a medical condition; it is a reminder of how closely work and health are linked. With awareness, early checks and the right protection, much of this damage can be prevented. Breathing should never become the price paid for earning a living.

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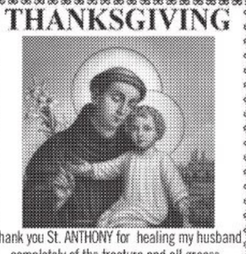
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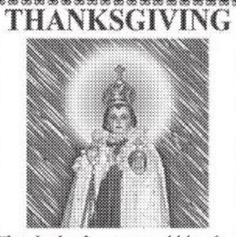
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I, **ANUSUYA V,** aged about 45 years, W/o **Shivanand Deguladavar,** residing at No.374, 10th Main 1st 'D' Cross, Sampige Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my son's name from **SONITH SHIVANAND DEGULADAVAR** to **SONITH SHIVANAND.** Vide affidavit dated: 2/2/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

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This is to declare that I Kavitha Channapura JayappaGowda, have changed my daughter's name from **Varshini N to Varshini Nagesh,** vide affidavit sworn to before Notary Sri. R Ravikumar, Bangalore, on 03.02.2026. Hereinafter wards she shall be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **Varshini Nagesh** only.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mahaveer P,** S/o N. Parasmal Jain, Aged about 52 Years, R/at No. 1095, 8th cross, B.S.K. 1st stage, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru-560050, . I State that my name is **MAHAVEER P,** by mistake in Passport my Name has been mentioned **MAHAVEER** by virtue of this affidavit to considered my correct name is **MAHAVEER P.** Before advocate and notary by **PRAKASHA. C.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHASHIKALA. M** W/O JC770867F, NB SUB. MUNISHAMAIAH, RESIDING AT NO. VILLL-KODIPALYA, PO-HULLENAHALLI, TEH - MAGADI DIST, BENGALURU SOUTH (RAMANAGARA), STATE-KARNATAKA, PIN-562131 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM **(OLD NAME) SHASHIKALA. M** TO **(NEW NAME) SHASHIKALA. B** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 29.01.2026 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY IN-KA63790274125540Y, BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RANI NONVINKERE,** aged 47 years, W/o. Mallarswami Rajshekhar Nonvinkere, residing at House #304, Flat #201, Defence Layout, Near Devmatha School, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru 560097, have changed my name to **RANI MALLARSWAMI NONVINKERE,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 27.01.2026 before notary **GAGARAJU.B.N.,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEELA NAGARAJA REDDY** (Old Name), aged about 39 years, D/o. NAGARAJA REDDY, RESIDING AT NO 1085/3,9TH MAIN 2ND CROSS,BDA LAYOUT, KALYANANAGAR, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560043, declare that I have changed my name from **SHEELA NAGARAJA REDDY** (Old Name) to **SHEELA BANAHALLI NAGARAJA REDDY** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHEELA BANAHALLI NAGARAJA REDDY** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 02/02/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
This is to declare that I Kavitha Channapura JayappaGowda, have changed my son's name from **Sujangowda N to Sujan Gowda Nagesh,** vide affidavit sworn to before Notary Sri. R Ravikumar, Bangalore, on 03.02.2026. Hereinafter wards he shall be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **Sujan Gowda Nagesh** only.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ANIL KUMAR PARAMATHMA** S/o V.N.P Iyengar Residing at No.B-4, 802, 8th floor, BDA Flats, Phase -2, kommaghatta, sulikere post, Bangalore -560060 state that and declare my names **ANIL KUMAR PARAMATHMA and ANILKUMAR P** are one and the same.before advocate and notary by **PRAKASHA. C**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GURUNATHAN DHAMODHARAN** Residing at Flat No. 206, 2nd Floor, Parampara Apartment, Kodathi Gate, Babu Reddy Layout, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore - 560035 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GURUNATHAN DHAMODHARAN** to **(NEW NAME) GURUNATHAN** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2026 sworn before notary Leela, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUSUYA V,** aged about 45 years, W/o **Shivanand Deguladavar,** residing at No.374, 10th Main 1st 'D' Cross, Sampige Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru- 560079, have changed my son's name from **KHUSHIL RAM SHIVANAND DEGULADAVAR** to **KHUSHIL SHIVANAND.** Vide affidavit dated: 2/2/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **P S VINOD KUMAR** father of Hanshika Vijetha, Residing/at No.84 & 85, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Bright way Layout, Vasanthapura Main Road, Uttrahalli Hobli, Benglauru-560061. I Have changed my name in My Daughter Birth Certificates from **RAVI M** to **P S VINOD KUMAR.** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.02.2026 sworn before Notary- **S.N. Madhu**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANKAR RAJU BANGALORE NARASARAJU,** S/o. N Narashima Raju, residing at #AS8, SVS Coco Grooves, 19th Cross, Muneshwar Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, TC Palya Main Road, Dooravaninagar Post, Bengaluru 560016, have changed my name to **SHANKAR RAJU BHAGWAN NARASHIMA RAJU** vide Affidavit dated: 04/02/2026 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **JAGAN.B** and **G.CHITTI** both husband and wife Residing at No.20, 5th Cross, Krishnappa Layout, Near Ganesha Temple, Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 hereby state that in our minor Son **SHAMANTH KRISHNA BAGGARAJU** and Minor daughter **RESHIKA BAGGARAJU**'s school record the Fathers's name is mentioned as **JAGAN BAGGARAJU** instead of **JAGAN.B**, Mother's Name is mentioned as **CHITTI .G** instead of **G. CHITTI**. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 31-01-2026 before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHARATI B HUBBALI** spouse of **JWO BASAVARAJ HUBBALLI** (Retd.) (Service Number 626076G), permanent resident of Flat No. 62004, Nikoo Homes 1, Bhartiya City, Thanisandra Main Road, Chokkanahalli, Bengaluru – 560064, Karnataka have changed my Name from **BHARATI B HUBBALI** to **BHARATI BASAVARAJ** and my date of birth is 22-07-1969 (Twenty Two July Nineteen Sixty Nine) vide affidavit dated 03-02-2026 before Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R UMA DEVI,** W/o. No. 14490881M, Ex Nk late Eswarappa S, residing at #7, 8th Cross, Kavirajamarga, Opp to Anil Industry, Govindashetty Palya, Bengaluru560100, have changed the name of my daughter from **HARSHITA** to **HARSHITHA E,** vide Affidavit Dated: 03/02/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ***DDEEPA MOORALIVEERLA***, (D-o-B: 14/06/2001), D/o. Shri. Moorali Naidu Veerla, resident of No. 31,, Sai Nagar, 1st Phase, 1st Cross, Amba Bhavani Temple Road, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru- 560097, KA India, have changed my name from ****DDEEPA MOORALI VEERLA*** to ***V. M. DEEPA (i.e. Deepa Veerla Moorali)***, vide affidavit Sl. No.75, Pg. No.08, Vol-01; dated: 04/02/2026, sworn before Notary Public, T. C. THIMMARAJA*, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as ***V. M. DEEPA (i.e. Deepa Veerla Moorali)*** for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) HUSSAIN AHMED SHARIFF** S/o Ghouse Ahmed Shariff, Residing at No. A-32, Khata No. 812, Al-Mueezu, 3rd Cross, Near Horeb Church, Amarjyothi Layout, SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560077 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HUSSAIN AHMED SHARIEFF** S/o Ghouse Ahmed Sharieff to **(NEW NAME) HUSSAIN AHMED SHARIFF** S/o Ghouse Ahmed Shariff vide affidavit dated 04.02.2026 sworn before notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore

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FORMULAS BORE ME: RAJ B SHETTY

The actor discusses his layered cop role in *Rakkasapuradhol*, his belief in silence as storytelling, the need for mid-budget thrillers to thrive, and why experimentation continues to drive his cinematic journey

A SHARADHAA

RAJ B Shetty has built a career around characters that reveal more through restraint than speech. Whether as an actor, director, or producer, he consistently gravitates towards layered storytelling and emotionally conflicted roles, and Raj once again steps into a character that thrives on internal chaos rather than dialogue-driven drama.

With *Rakkasapuradhol* set to release this week, Raj embraces complexity over comfort, reinforcing his belief that silence, when performed with conviction, can often speak louder than words. For Raj, silence is not merely a performance choice. It is a storytelling philosophy that has been shaped over years of filmmaking.

"I really love silence. I always try to reduce dialogue for my characters. If there are too many dialogues in cinema, somehow, I cannot connect with them," he says, pointing to his own films as examples of this approach. "*Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana* originally had nearly 120 pages, and I reduced it to about 60 to 68 pages. *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye* was just 48 pages long. Silence can communicate emotions much deeper, though performing through silence is very challenging."

That philosophy finds a natural extension in *Rakkasapuradhol*, where Raj plays a police officer battling personal demons while investigating a complex crime. The actor says the role demanded intense emotional restraint.

"In this film, I do not speak much. The character communicates through silence and that makes it difficult and exciting at the same time," he explains.

Raj describes the character as someone carrying a deep, unresolved conflict. "The conflict already exists within him, even before the case begins. He lives in his own zone and carries emotional baggage. It is about an imperfect person trying to solve what appears to be a perfect crime. That contradiction fascinated me."

The project also marks Raj's collaboration with debut director Ravi Saranga and producer Ravi Varma, an experience he calls an important learning phase.

"One of the reasons I act in films directed by others is to learn something new. These experiences taught me how collaboration works and how technicians shape a film creatively and commercially. Investing in the right team is very important," he says.

Raj also views *Rakkasapuradhol* as part of a larger industry requirement: commercially viable thrillers made on controlled budgets.

"I strongly believe such films must work. When mid-budget thrillers succeed, they generate revenue and encourage more filmmakers to attempt similar subjects. For an industry to remain healthy, small and medium-scale films must perform well," he says.

His understanding of cinema extends beyond performance into industry economics and audience psychology. Raj sees filmmaking as a democratic and evolving ecosystem. "Every year, nearly 250 to 260 films are made, but maybe four or five become hits. Those hits happen only because all the other films are made. From 20 attempts, maybe two succeed, and those two inspire 40 more attempts. That is how cinema grows. There is no absolute good or bad. Success often follows failure, and failure leads to learning."

Balancing multiple characters simultaneously presents its own challenges. Raj admits that switching between roles during overlapping schedules demands mental precision. "Sometimes even small things like props or accessories help me stay connected to a character. Ideally, it is better to complete one character and then move to another, but schedules rarely allow that," he says.

Raj's career choices reflect his refusal to follow formula-driven filmmaking. He says predictability often kills creative excitement. "I do not like going behind trends or formulas. It becomes boring. I am always interested in exploring genres or attempting something new. Cinema should constantly evolve," he says. At the same time, he acknowledges the importance of directors and technicians in shaping a film's identity. "There is no cinema without directors. But storytelling improves when experienced technicians and fresh talent work together."

Although Raj has gradually expanded his presence into industries like Malayalam and Tamil cinema, Kannada remains his creative base. He says working in his home industry allows him greater creative involvement.

"As a filmmaker and technician, I have more creative freedom in Kannada. I can participate in promotions and marketing. Outside Kannada, I mostly go as an actor. I treat those projects like learning opportunities, almost like film school," he says.

Calling 2026 a year of experimentation, Raj says he is consciously choosing varied characters and storytelling forms. "Maybe by the time Karavali releases this year, I will sit back and analyse this phase," he says. His long-term vision, however, extends beyond linguistic boundaries. "We should not make films only for Kannada audiences. We should make films that the entire country can watch. Every film should travel."

Raj continues to observe cinema at the grassroots level, regularly interacting with distributors, theatre owners and ticket collectors to understand audience reception. He is also planning to produce a film rooted in North Karnataka.

"I am still a student of cinema. Exploration never stops," he says.

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PEDRO Pascal is officially on board the cast of *De Noche*, a period gay romance. Pascal replaces Joaquin Phoenix, who, according to Variety, exited the film just five days before filming began.

De Noche is directed by Todd Haynes, who previously May December (2023), which stars Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore. *De Noche* centres around a policeman (Pedro Pascal) in Los Angeles in 1930, and his young lover (Danny Ramirez), a boarding school teacher. After they are targeted and pursued by the city's government, the lovers have to flee to Mexico.

Danny Ramirez, who plays the teacher, is known for his roles in Falcon and the Winter Soldier and Captain America: Brave New World, as Joaquin Torres/Falcon. MK2 Films and Killer Films are producing *De Noche*.

Previously, Phoenix was attached to star in the film in the role of a cop. But according to Variety, the actor got 'cold feet' before the shoot began in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Social media reviews cannot decide a film's fate: Umapathy Srinivas Gowda

The Hebbuli and Roberrt producer, at the trailer launch of *Sukhibhava*, gearing up for release this week, speaks about his faith in cinema

CE FEATURES

THE upcoming Kannada film *Sukhibhava* is preparing for its theatrical release on February 6, and brings together a team of relatively new talents and technicians looking to present their first major venture. At the trailer launch event, noted producer Umapathy Srinivasa Gowda lent his support to the team and shared his views on the film industry and its evolving landscape.

Speaking at the event, the Hebbuli and Roberrt producer said sincere filmmaking always finds audience support, stressing that a film's success depends on the effort and responsibility of its makers.

"Cinema has never brought me losses. If filmmakers handle their responsibility properly and present their work honestly, audiences will stand by them," he said, adding that the industry has given him both recognition and financial stability over the years.

Responding to the negative perception that sometimes surrounds the film industry, Umapathy stressed that the responsibility of a film's success lies with the team behind it. "It is not the audience's duty to make a film successful. The responsibility belongs to the filmmakers. When a film is made with genuine effort and commitment, it will find its place," he said.

He also spoke about changing audience habits, pointing out how digital platforms have exposed viewers to different kinds of content. While audiences now seek variety in entertainment, he observed that films from other languages often perform better in Karnataka than Kannada films. At the same time, he cautioned against judging films purely based on social media reviews.

"Reviews on YouTube or social media cannot decide a film's fate. When people watch films in theatres and share their honest opinions, it helps everyone connected to cinema," he said, encouraging audiences to support films by watching them in theatres.

Sukhibhava is produced by Santosh Kumar and Bhargavi Santosh under the Ved Aryan Films banner, named after their son. The film is written and directed by NK Rajesh Naidu. It features Mahendra in the lead, with Sushmita Nayak and Viyanshi Gade playing the female leads. The supporting cast includes Gowrav Shetty, Shobaraj, Ravishankar Gowda, Sunil Puranik, Tukali Santu and Maithri Jaggi.

The film's music is composed by BJ Bharat, Shubham and Viyan SA, with lyrics by Pramod Maravante, Santosh Kumar and NK Rajesh Naidu. Actor Sharan has lent his voice to a special song in the film. *Sukhibhava* has been shot across Bengaluru, Udupi, Sakleshpur and Kalasa.

Producer Asshwini Ram Prasad, debutant actor Arun Ramprasad, and director M Shashidhar open up about collaborating on the crime thriller *Gharga*

Cinema is always a gamble: Asshwini Ramprasad

CE FEATURES

FOR producer Asshwini Ramprasad, *Gharga* is not just another film release. It is a moment where legacy meets risk, instinct meets emotion, and content takes centre stage over personal equations. The veteran producer, best known for backing cult hits like Jogi, is now preparing to introduce his son Arun Ramprasad as a lead actor with *Gharga*, which is backed by under ARC Musicq Pvt Ltd. The film is set for release on February 6.

When asked if launching his son makes the film extra special, Asshwini says, "Honestly, I did not take this film thinking I have to launch my son. I heard the story first. It was director Shashidhar's line that stayed with me. I already had another project lined up for Arun, and he was preparing for that. But when this subject came, I felt this was the right film. I didn't pick the story for Arun. I wanted Arun to fit into the story."

Asshwini, whose music production house gave him his industry identity, says he is often reminded of Jogi, a film that continues to hold cult status. But he sees it as a milestone rather than a shadow. "*Jogi* is one of its kind. You can't repeat something like that. Every film has its own journey," he says.

Directed by M Shashidhar, *Gharga* unfolds in a mysterious village and carries the tagline, The Land of Shadows. The film follows a writer-researcher whose curiosity slowly pulls him into unsettling and dangerous realities. The film blends adventure, suspense, crime, and supernatural elements.

"I like exploring different spaces in cinema," says the director, adding, "This story is more about atmosphere and experience. People often think ghosts mean horror, but here we are exploring how fear is created and perceived."

Director M Shashidhar

Arun Ramprasad

Asshwini Ramprasad

For Arun, stepping into cinema came with pressure, discipline, and a reality check from his father. "He is 90 per cent businessman and 10 per cent father," he says, laughing. "When I told him I wanted to act, he didn't immediately agree. He said everyone has dreams, but you need the strength and fate to carry them forward."

Arun, on his father's insistence, trained at Ninasam. "That training was the toughest phase of my life. It completely broke and rebuilt me as a performer," Arun says. He adds that the character in *Gharga* demanded emotional and psychological preparation, and several moments in the film evolved through improvisation during rehearsals and discussions with the team.

The film has been shot across Mangaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Dandeli, Agumbe, and Bengaluru, using natural landscapes to enhance the mood and tension. Music is composed by Gurukiran and RP Patnaik, while Guruprasad Narnad handles cinematography. The film also features a remix of the popular Bangari Yaare Nee Bul Bul track from Gaja, which the makers say blends naturally into the narrative. Shashidhar also clarifies that a light-hearted dialogue referencing Radhika Kumaraswamy was included purely for humour and was openly discussed with her brother, Ravi.

The film features Rehana as the female lead and also brings together a strong supporting cast, including Saikumar, Sampath Raj, Rahul Dev, Arun Sagar, and Dev Gill. "Their presence is not a protective cushion for a debut actor but a creative necessity. The story demanded performers who could bring weight and authenticity to the world of the film," say the makers.

Asshwini sums up his expectations simply. "Cinema is always a gamble. But when you believe in the story, that is the only safe decision you can make."

Ryan Reynolds, Kenneth Branagh team up for buddy comedy

CE FEATURES

RYAN Reynolds and Kenneth Branagh are coming together to star in *Mayday*, a new buddy comedy for Apple TV+ that is described as a new take on the spy thriller genre. The studio unveiled the first look of the upcoming film through their social media handles on Tuesday, which looked like the actors had crashed onto snow-filled ground after a failed mission.

Set to stream on September 4 on the streamer, *Mayday*'s plotline reads, "When hotshot U.S. Navy pilot Lieutenant Troy 'Assassin' Kelly (Reynolds) is sent on a top-secret mission into Russian territory at the height of the Cold War, the operation implodes, leaving him stranded behind enemy lines."

Written, directed and produced by John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, *Mayday* also stars Marcin Dorocinski, Maria Bakalova and David Morse in supporting roles. The film is backed by David Ellison, Dana Goldberg and Don Granger for Skydance; Ashley Fox and Johnny Pariseau for Maximum Effort.